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School tax shift plan to go to voters

By ALISON ALOISIO

The SAD 44 funding formula committee voted 9-3 Tuesday to send a proposal to district voters to shift some of the tax burden from Newry to the other three towns.

Committee representatives from Bethel, Newry and Greenwood all voted in favor of the plan, while all three Woodstock representatives voted against it.

Currently the tax share is based entirely on property valuation, with Newry paying out of proportion to its number of students.

The current overall school budget is approximately \$10.6 million.

The proposal calls for changing the formula for the additional local funds raised as part of the budget to initially be 90 percent based on valuation,

and 10 percent based on student population.

That would be in effect for two years. Thereafter the split would be 85/15.

Under the initial 90/10 split, Bethel would pay \$173,737 a year more, based on the current school budget, than its current payment of \$2,888,029, according to Clockedle. Woodstock would pay \$90,216 more than the current \$1,179,618. Greenwood would pay \$4,472 more.

Newry would pay \$268,425 less than its current \$3,018,194.

After the shift to 85/15, Bethel would pay \$260,605 more than currently; Woodstock \$135,324; and Greenwood \$6,709 more.

Newry would pay \$402,638 less.

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A clean championship sweep for Andy Valley teams



Softball teams from the Andy Valley League made a clean sweep last week of the state championships. Bethel area girls were among the players. Above is the 10 & Under squad, which included Quinn and Riley Jerome (at far left and far right, respectively), Payton Berry (next to Riley) of Newry, and McKenzie Elliot (to Payton's right) of Bethel. See other team photos, Page 3. The teams play this week in the New England Championships, and are fundraising for the trip.

Submitted photo

Wind draws crowd at Bethel meeting

By ALISON ALOISIO

About 30 people from towns surrounding Milton Township turned out for Monday's Bethel selectmen's meeting to hear from a wind power company interested in doing a project in Milton.

BACKGROUND

The township, like others in Maine, is currently under the "expedited" (also known as fast track) permitting process format for commercial wind projects, bypassing a rezoning requirement step by the Land Use Planning Commission.

The LUPC is the plan-

ning authority for the unorganized territories/townships. Any wind project would still be reviewed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

But a new law allows UT residents to petition for removal of their township, or parts of it, from the expedited permitting process, thus adding the LUPC step.

A petition from Milton residents in January requested that, but subsequently another resident requested a "substantive review" of the petition. A

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By PATRICK CARSON

Until now, never before in Maine has a region sent three championship teams to represent Maine in the New England Regionals. The girls from the Andy Valley 10-year old, 12-year old and 14-year old teams all won the state-wide Babe Ruth Softball Tournaments and the right to represent Maine against state champions from other New England states.

A local 8 & Under team will also participate, in a travel team-style format.

The 10-year old team was led by pitcher Zaya Vollmer of Paris, whose fastball, accuracy and toughness proved too

much for teams from: Gorham, Lewiston, Auburn, Mt. Ararat and Andy Valley South.

Defensively, Payton Berry of Bethel provided great hitting and stability at first base, while sisters Riley and Quinn Jerome, also of Bethel, controlled the outfield. In all wins, Andy Valley out hit and out bunted opposing teams for well earned wins.

The 12-year-old team was led by the Pitcher/Catcher/Shortstop combination of Kiara McLeod from Oxford Hills/Harrison, Brinna Casey from Oxford Hills and Bella Divivo from Bethel.

The 12U team went un-

defeated throughout the tournament and had two come from behind wins including the final game against Lewiston where they were down 5-2 as they entered the final inning. Coach Jerney McLeod of Harrison provided comments after the game: "never have I been so proud of a group of girls, who have come together so quickly, and achieved so much."

The 14U team was led by players Lauren Merrill of Bethel, whose pitching and hitting was key in final victory over arch rival Auburn.

Catcher Ashley Childs of Woodstock provided lead-

ership and grit behind the plate throwing out four of five base stealers, including the final out in the victory against Auburn.

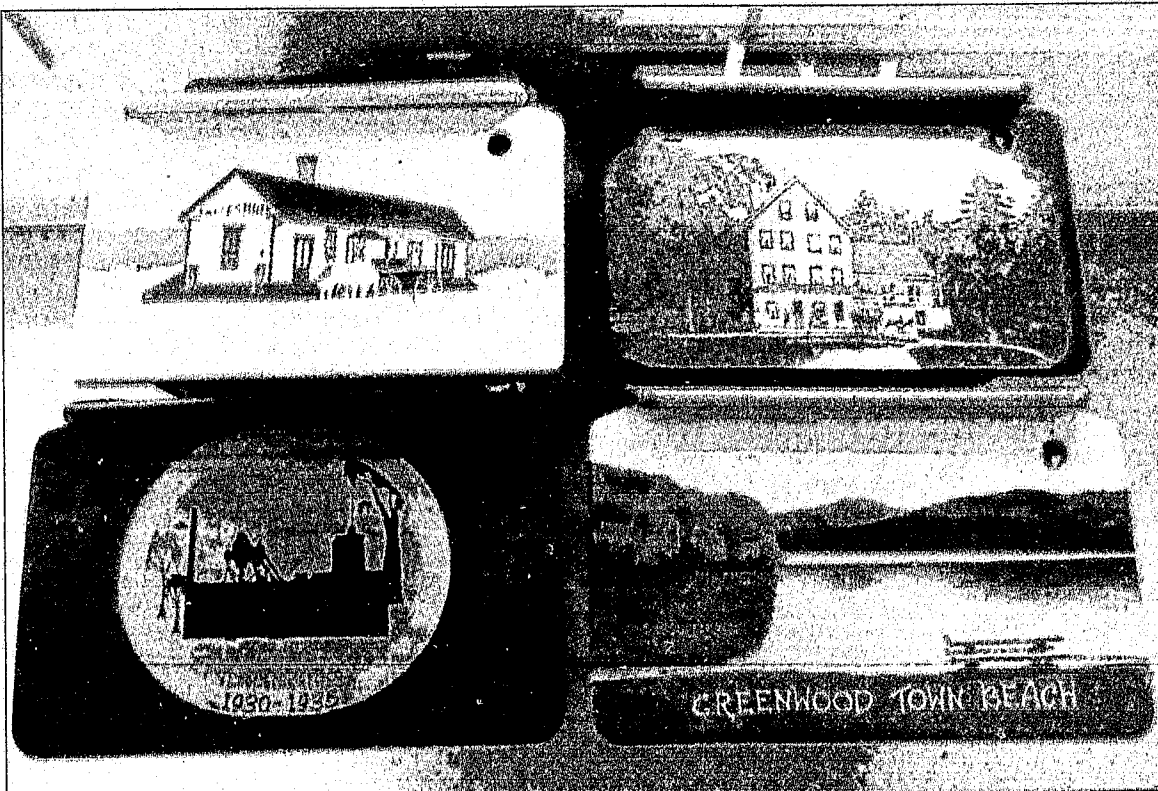
Madi Day of Oxford Hills led the team in hitting and her defense at shortstop provide some ESPN highlight plays.

All three teams are in New Hampshire for the New England Championships July 13-17.

To help with their fundraising visit their gofundme page: <https://gofundme.com/2czxtgij> or checks may be mailed to: Andy Valley Babe Ruth Softball, 200 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268.

Greenwood Bicentennial celebration to include antique desk auction, school reunion

Four of the desks painted by local artists that will be part of a silent auction on Aug. 13, during Greenwood's Bicentennial Celebration. Clockwise from upper left: Locke's Mills Railroad Station, by Peter Musso; Mt. Abram Hotel, by Dwight Mills; Greenwood Town Beach, by Cindy DiMatteo; E.L. Tebbetts Spool Co., by Nancy Fauser. Desks will also be painted by Troy Jordan, Jane Hathaway, and Joyce Hathaway. A. Wight Chapman



By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Those attending Greenwood's Bicentennial Celebration next month will have an opportunity to take home a piece of artwork that is also a piece of local history.

Seven area artists have signed up to paint scenes of Greenwood through the years on antique school desks that originally served students in the three-room schoolhouse on the Bird Hill Road in Locke's Mills.

The attached desks and chairs were replaced by more modern classroom furnishings before the school closed 35 years ago, and have been in storage at the Town Hall on Main Street for decades.

Designs include the present-day town beach, a view of Mt. Abram from

the Gore Road, pink water lilies on Round Pond, the Locke's Mills railroad station and school, the Mount Abram Hotel, and the E.L. Tebbetts spool mill.

The painted desks will be on display, with bidding by silent auction, throughout the day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on Saturday, August 13.

The auction will also include several other pieces of artwork that has been donated for the occasion by local artists. There will also be a raffle, with an unpainted antique desk as the prize.

Winners of all auction items will be announced at 5 p.m., during the chicken barbeque at the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post on the Gore Road.

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Letters

KEEP VETS' PARK SIMPLE

To the Editor:

There has been a group of area citizens working for some time on plans for developing a veteran's park in back of the Bethel Civil War Soldier's monument dedicated in 1908. This monument over time has become one of Bethel's most prized icons. As a historian and Civil War scholar, I am particularly sensitive to what present and future generations can learn from the past. I have attended several of these meetings and am very uneasy about what I have seen proposed.

In 1908, the wording on the monument was simple, but most effective in its meaning: "Bethel to her loyal sons 1861-1865." This precedent should guide those planning the park in the 21st century to adhere to the old adage "simple is best." To keep with this tradition, those involved in planning should be thinking of a tasteful gray granite "wall" in the back of the lot with the following suggested inscription: "Dedicated to the men and women of the Bethel area who served their country as members of the armed forces of the United States of America." There should be a flag pole, several granite benches and possibly a podium with a glass insert that directs visitors to a website that contains all kinds of information on area veterans. This might include service records, photos, obituaries, grave sites, etc. and could be easily accessed with a variety of electronic devices. The park should be largely grass and shrubs to maintain its traditional and natural appearance.

Plans that include all kinds of obelisks and lots of paving stones would make this location look more like a cemetery than a park and overshadow our longtime beloved Bethel icon, the Bethel Civil War Monument. I can understand some veterans think their names should be permanently enshrined on these obelisks, but we can honor our veterans in many more ways on the internet and not have to violate our Civil War memorial legacy. If we go with the obelisks, we are setting up a pattern of responsibility to add more obelisks for future veterans thereby further detracting from our Civil War "treasure."

I hope readers will make their views known. We have a great opportunity to do the right thing without betraying our Civil War legacy and give our veterans much more recognition and truly greater honor!

Stan Howe
Bethel

SUPPORT CLEAN ELECTIONS

To the Editor:

In this sometimes crazy, sometimes appalling election season, devoted citizens are still working to make ours a government of, by and for the people.

Since 1996, Maine has had a public campaign financing program provided by law. And, because the program had become weakened over the years, last November 55 percent of Maine voters passed an Initiative to restore and strengthen this program, showing that representative democracy is still important to us.

That Initiative included provisions that would: require that ads run by independent expenditure groups name their three biggest donors; increase fines and penalties on those who break Maine's election rules, and in other ways restore public campaign financing.

The law, strengthened by the recent Initiative, is working well in Maine: "Clean Elections candidates won 62 percent (eight of thirteen) of the State House and Senate primaries decided on June 14 that had candidates using different funding systems" and "14 races had only clean election candidates" (June 24 email from Andrew Bossie, Maine Citizens for Clean Elections).

While the public campaign financing process can appear complicated, its great value is that it requires candidates who use it to cultivate close and accountable relationships with their constituents and, when they do, it sharply reduces the influence of large donor organizations from outside Maine and outside the candidate's district.

Representatives from Maine Citizens for Clean Elections will be at MollyOckett Day this Saturday. Please stop by, ask your questions about how the process works, and find out how you can get involved in helping restore democracy in our state.

Thank you.

Brendon Bass
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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E. PLURIBUS UNUM

To the Editor:

The problem with Newry's withdrawal from SAD 44 is that withdrawal implies a joining at one time. And so it was. Fifty years ago Newry agreed that they and other SAD members would be good neighbors, conscientious citizens and join together to do what is best for the community at large.

For the first 25 years Newry paid less in taxes than their better off neighbors and all was OK. Then Sunday River became increasingly popular with secondary home owners and these owners soon began to pay the lions share of the taxes. At the same time student enrollment began to decline. But we do not stop paying school taxes if we have no children in school. I have never had children enrolled in SAD 44. These taxes paid are for the good of our community and our country.

Peter Fetchko
Woodstock

TUESDAY TREE INVENTORIES IN BETHEL

To the Editor:

When the thermometer begins pushing 90°, I really start to appreciate the many shade trees lining the streets of Bethel. You've probably experienced the relief that comes with finding a perfect patch of shade on a hot day.

The Bethel Conservation Commission is using a recent grant from Project Canopy to conduct an inventory of trees lining the streets of Bethel Village. This inventory will help the town in several ways. It will help us to create a database of trees along town streets so that staff can easily identify trees that need to be serviced in the event of storms, pests, or other damage. The database will also allow us to map the town's existing street trees by species and size, and to ensure that we have a wide variety of trees in order to avoid catastrophic diseases and infestations such as Dutch elm disease. This, in turn, will help to create a comprehensive tree planting and maintenance plan for the town, and will help us to secure further grants from Project Canopy to plant and maintain trees. As a bonus, this inventory will help us pinpoint important or special trees within the village; trees that are unusual or have interesting background stories.

In order to conduct this inventory, we need help! Throughout the rest of the summer, we will be holding several inventory sessions where volunteers will walk the streets identifying and measuring trees and entering them into the database via smartphone, tablet, or paper. These sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m. Along with helping out our community, it's a great opportunity to learn about the different types of trees lining the streets of Bethel, and spot some historic and important trees.

If you live along village streets, particularly Main St, Broad St, and Church St, you may see groups of volunteers inventorying trees on your property in the next few months. We will only be counting those trees that are close to the road, so no need to worry about volunteers tromping around in your backyard or gardens. If you see us, say hello and ask us about what we're doing!

Being a part of this project will help to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy Bethel's tree-lined streets.

If you have any questions about this project or would like to volunteer during one of our data collection sessions, contact Molly Siegel by email at amaliasiegel@gmail.com or by calling the Mahosuc Land Trust office at 207-824-3806.

Molly Siegel
Bethel

BASKETBALL COURT THANKS

To the Editor:

The development of the basketball court adjacent to the Bethel Pathway has been rejuvenated by the actions of so many.

First, thank you to the Bethel taxpayers and Town Meeting voters who overwhelmingly approved Ron Savage's unexpected motion to appropriate \$10,000 for the court. Norway Saving Bank has just awarded a \$1,000 gift to the project through their Community Giving program; thank you, Norway Savings Bank.

A team of volunteers has been making remarkable in-kind contributions. Jeremy Morin is donating 20 loads of fill which is being delivered to the site through the efforts of Ryan and TJ Savage. Amos Kimball is using his bulldozer to level and compact the fill. Todd Davis is donating the concrete for the hoop supports. Aaron Bean has been thoughtfully coordinating all of the above activity. While any of these contributions would be generous on their own, it seems even more extraordinary because this is also the busiest time of year in the excavation and construction trades.

There is still a \$5,000 deficit, however, to buy some hoops and complete the paving this summer so people can begin playing ball. Three additional hoops would be needed in the future. You can make contributions, in any amount, at the Bethel Town Office.

Sarah S. Tucker
Recreation Director

S, N & C ART SHOW THANKS

To the Editor:

Thank you to members of the community supporting the arts on the July 1 weekend. The 12th Annual Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show exhibited the art of 30 artist, several showing for the first time. The show was dedicated to Elise Caswell, who passed suddenly that week. Elise stood vigil to her creative spirit as a writer, poet, painter, fiber artist and gardener.

Many persons provided helping hands to prepare for this year's SN&C Art Show, by cleaning, sweeping, hanging art, providing foods, wiring speakers, putting up posters, showing their art, and enjoying the art of others. Lots of visitors enjoyed the event, including two Appalachian Trail hikers with trumpet and guitar in hand, offering a rousing set of blues and jazz accompanied by SN&C artist, Becky Secrest. All in all it was a celebration of the creative spirit within us and to those who express through visual arts. Thank you to the Mahosuc Arts Council and Bethel Area Chamber who graciously promoted the weekend and all of the art events about our community. In the words of the late Elise Caswell, "...Art gives wings to my heart."

Janet Willie and SN&C Committee

GEM SHOW THANKS

To the Editor:

Another year, another successful Gem and Mineral Show put on by the Oxford County Gem and Mineral Association. Thanks to all who helped run the show, our dealers and vendors, Randy for doing the cooking, all those who helped with the advertising and all who came to the show. I was told we had brochures out from Calais to York. Our show chairman, Dennis Gross, did a wonderful job.

It was great to see so many people all with a common interest having fun on an unusually cool July weekend.

Our next meeting is Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Oxford Hills Middle School at 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Frank Perham will be talking about mining, something he does quite well.

Ken Briggs
President OCG&MA

Bethel selectboard votes:

Mattresses, cemetery, recycling, sidewalk

At Monday's meeting selectmen:

Voted to eliminate the disposal fee of \$7 for each residential mattress taken to the Transfer Station. Local large landowners have said they have seen an increase in dumping on their property. The fee was instituted last year.

Voted to put on next year's town meeting warrant an article to acquire the South Bethel Cemetery from its association, which is running out of funds. There are 15 to 20 veterans buried there, and state law requires towns care for the graves. The town also has an estimate of \$5,000 to remove several old, large pine trees that are threatening the headstones.

Voted in favor of dissolving the Oxford County Recycling Corporation, on recommendation of that board. Several member towns decided to pursue single-stream recycling over the past few years and OCRC tried to provide those services. But after doing both, the board decided it did not make financial sense to continue to offer both options. Current membership is 15 towns, seven of which use single-stream, leaving the OCRC without sufficient recycling volume to be cost-effective. A written ballot in each town will be needed to complete the move.

Voted to accept an agreement with MDOT for a feasibility study and preliminary design for a sidewalk improvement project from lower Main Street to the Parkway, at a cost of \$50,000. The town will contribute \$10,000.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The last 19th century structure on Mill Hill, the Dr. John Grover House, was being demolished by Bethel Inn to make room for a condominium project.

Births: Corliss Cole Ordway, William Charles Mason, Boden Ryan Cyr, Carter David Currier.

20 years ago: Following months of improvements and testing, the roadside spring on Route 26 in Bryant Pond was reopened.

Thirty-three artists and craftspeople took part in the 7th annual Bethel Art Fair on the common.

Deaths: Winona F. Corriveau, Wilber H. Chenery, Jr., Ray H. Thurston, Ruby C. Emery, Jonathan Blanchard, Daniel W. Tripp, Edith N. Raymond.

30 years ago: Former U.S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith was guest of honor at the opening of the hand-crank telephone museum in Bryant Pond.

Jon Owen and Jody Shimamura, members of the U.S. National Luge "B" team, were raising money to spend time training on the luge course in Calgary, Canada.

Births: Robert Lawrence Merrill III, Holly Marie Bachelder.

Death: Gordon H. Merrill.

40 years ago: Ten Bethel area students were participating in an eight-week program of outdoor work in the Youth Conservation Corps for the U.S. Forest Service.

Karen Brooks and Becky Sue Davis were among those attending a six-day Olympic Basketball Camp for Girls at UMF.

Birth: Crystal Jane Smith.

Death: Mrs. Emily Garrett.

50 years ago: Floyd Keniston and Wayne Hutchins were constructing larger and more convenient emergency exits from the basement classroom and hot lunch room at the Ethel Bisbee School.

Work had started at the site of the new bridge to span the Androscoggin River between Bridge Street and Mayville.

Births: Tracey Jean Emerson, Vicky Lynn Wilson.

Death: Vivian Wight Martinson.

60 years ago: Arthur L. Gordon of Mount Vernon was lost overnight in the woods while visiting his son and family at South Bethel. Planes piloted by Edwin Brown and Harold Nutting were involved in the search in addition to 40 men on the ground.

Work was progressing on the State Aid road construction on the Middle Intervale Road.

Births: Maurice Ralph Coulombe, Sandra Lynn Hoey.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nary moved into their recently purchased home on Church Street.

Bids were being received on the Main Street building of the Bethel Village Corporation.

80 years ago: Bethel Chamber of Commerce issued a new folder. This was the first publication of this sort for over 25 years.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns was attending the summer session at Bates College.

Death: Henry F. Brock.

90 years ago: Central Maine Power Co. crews were setting poles and stringing wire between Bethel and West Bethel.

The Hastings house in Kimball Part was sold to F.E. Russell.

Automobiles loaded with gypsies passed through Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. David Butot, George Wyman.

110 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Vandenberg enjoyed an outing at Kellogg's camps.

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Selectmen OK preliminary inspection for Ethel Bisbee

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen voted 3-2 Monday to have building inspection consultant Bo Boden do a preliminary inspection of the Ethel Bisbee School building, to see if a full inspection is warranted.

Last month Bethel Town Meeting voters, after hearing arguments to tear down the former school, voted to deny a \$1,500 request for an engineering study to see if the old building was worth saving.

The town acquired the structure, built in 1925, from SAD 44 after the district moved its central office out of EBS.

Last fall a representative from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission visited the school and advised that it appeared to be worth saving. Potential options included use by the town or sale to a developer.

Boden, arguing the voters' decision had been made with insufficient information and that "bul-

lying tactics" had been employed at the Town Meeting, offered after the meeting to do a full inspection on EBS for \$1.

He said some people at the Town Meeting who opposed an engineering study were in a position to gain financially through the EBS property possibly going up for sale and being used for development.

Boden continued that argument at the beginning of discussion at Monday's meeting, saying he had had people come up to him after the Town Meeting and say they had felt bullied.

"I believe citizens have the right to make a decision about property they own based on good information," he added, noting that a full inspection of EBS might lead him "to generate support to burn the thing down."

But, he said, his focus is determining the condition of the building to help decide whether it should be designated as a historic building.

Several people who spoke about EBS at the Town Meeting also attended Monday's meeting and took issue with Boden's bullying claim.

Bob Chadbourne, who made the motion against raising \$1,500, said he had no interest in buying the property.

And, he added, "I didn't see anything that approached bullying."

Ron Savage said he also had no interest in buying the property.

As for the inspection itself, Savage described Boden's offer as "generous," and said having an inspection report might be helpful in a potential sale process for the building.

He said that voters had spoken at the Town Meeting to indicate they were not interested in fixing EBS, and the town should not approach it saying "we're looking at it to fix it."

Selectman Peter Southam wondered if an ap-

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Desks

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"A pretty special place" The Locke's Mills School was built in 1890 to replace the Alder River School, which had served children in the village since about 1851.

It was originally a one-room schoolhouse. A second classroom was added in 1913, and a third in 1932.

For many years, students from kindergarten through eighth grade attended school there, with three grades in each classroom.

"In those days, we had a real, honest-to-goodness graduation," remembered Greenwood Historical Society president Blaine Mills of the ceremony that commemorated the end of his eighth grade year in 1953. "We boys had to wear a suit and tie."

Students were also required to memorize their parts in the ceremony and deliver them without benefit of notes. Mills said his own part, the Class Prophecy, assigned to him by teaching principal Guy Meserve, was twice as long as that of the valedictorian and salutatorian.

"I don't think he liked me very much, so he gave me the longest part," he said. "He didn't think I'd be able to memorize it, but I did."

By the time Jeffrey Dunham attended school in Locke's Mills in the early 1970s, there were just three grades, kindergarten through second, with a separate classroom for each.

"It was a real easy segue into school from home, I remember, because there were so few of us, it was almost like family," he said.

Among Dunham's best memories: sliding in the winter on the "huge hill out back," the wooden swingset that stood at the top of the hill, and a stone wall behind the school, where "you might find treasures hidden."

"I remember writing in chalk out on the sidewalk, hanging up our snowsuits on the hooks that lined the halls, old-fashioned heat," he said, adding, "Everything [there] was old school, no pun intended." "I was so young I don't have a ton of distinct memories, but they almost all are good ones," Dunham said. "It was a pretty special place."

Norma Salway worked at the Locke's Mills School for eight years as a teacher's aide, while attending classes at night to become a teacher, and remembered the experience as "the best teaching prepa-

ration days anyone could ever imagine." "I worked with the best veteran teachers, Amy Davis, Meg Cousins, Barbara Ferguson, Mabel Kennett, Nan Timberlake," she said.

"What stands out the most is the sense of family within the staff, community, and students. I remember Sally Melville making us homemade doughnuts, Barbara Dunham stopping by for coffee, and Greta Osgood waving as she walked up the hill."

In those simpler days, the front door of the school was often left open during warm weather, and Salway remembered one day when a dog wandered in during story time in Cousins' second grade classroom.

"The dog napped for a while before leaving," she said.

School reunion planned Cousins was the teaching principal when the Locke's Mills School closed its doors in 1981, and Ferguson and Salway were also teaching there at that time.

Mills said all three attended a school reunion held ten years later, in conjunction with Greenwood's 175th birthday celebration, as did many of their former students.

He knows there will probably be fewer in attendance this year, 35 years after the school closed for good, but the historical society is preparing once again to sponsor a Locke's Mills School reunion during the Bicentennial Celebration.

On Saturday, Aug. 13, from 1 - 4 p.m., anyone who attended the Locke's Mills School, along with their friends and relatives, is welcome to visit the Greenwood Historical Society's Swan House, at 259 Main Street, to view photos and share memories.

Greenwood's Bicentennial Weekend will include a parade, fireworks, and a dance, as well as a variety of musical entertainment, demonstrations, and vendors.

A complete schedule of events and Greenwood books, t-shirts, and other commemorative items, are available at the Town Office and at the Greenwood Historical Society/Bicentennial Committee booth on Mollycodd Day.

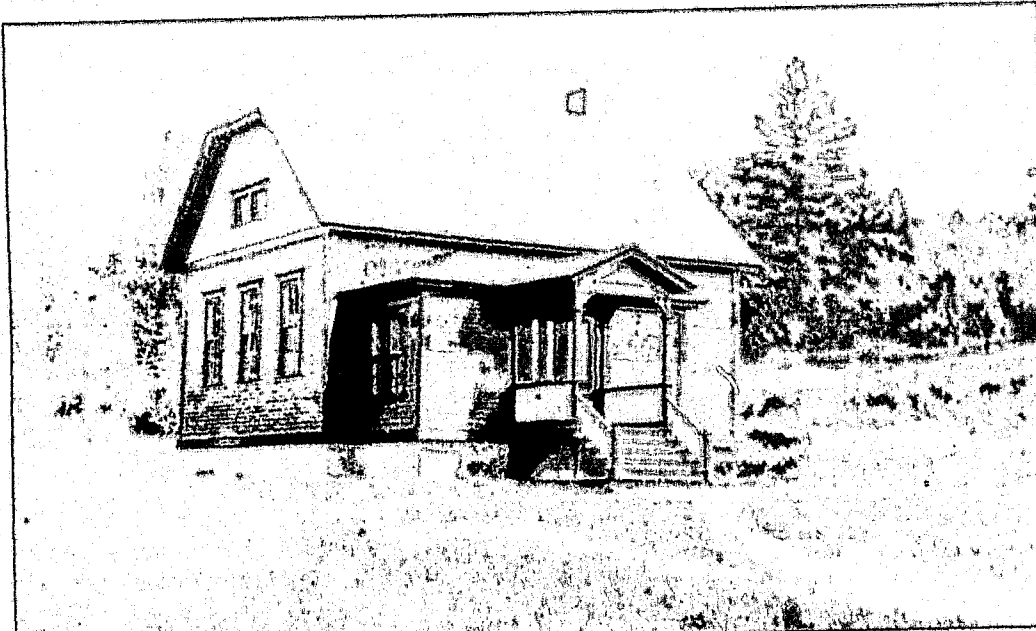
The booth will be located on the Bethel Historical Society lawn, and will also offer baked goods for sale, made from the recipes of several renowned Greenwood cooks.



12 & UNDER STATE CHAMPS
Softball teams from the Andy Valley League made a clean sweep last week of the state championships. Bethel area players are Ella Divivo of Bethel, (holding up the championship banner, directly above the word "Under"); and Natasha Mason of Woodstock (kneeling down at far right in the front row).
Submitted photo



14 & UNDER STATE CHAMPS
Local team members: Ashley Childs of Woodstock in the first row, second from the left, with catcher's gear on. Jaylee Bean of Woodstock, first row, third from left, next to Ashley. Aneah Bartlett of Bethel, first row, far right. Head Coach Lyndsay Merrill of Bethel, second row, far left. Brooke Carson of Woodstock and Lauren Merrill of Bethel standing together in the middle of the second row.
Submitted photo



The Locke's Mills School in 1890.

Greenwood Historical Society

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School Board needs weighted voting to elect chairman

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

The SAD 44 School Board, meeting Monday, elected Bethel director Lainey Cross as its chair, but not before a review of the policy governing the board's voting method was held in executive session.

Cross, who has served as chair for several years, was nominated for the office by Woodstock director Marcel Polak. Larry Merlino of Greenwood was nominated by Bethel director Frank DelDuca.

After the board heard from both candidates, voting resulted in a 6-6 tie.

Woodstock directors Polak, Julie Davis, and Sheryl Morgan voted to elect Cross, as did Newry director Whitney Gray and Bethel directors Carol Everett and Cross.

Bethel directors Tim Carter, Frank DelDuca, and Amy Forbes DeVivo, and Greenwood's three board members, Merlino, Norman Milliard, and Gina Billings, voted in support of Merlino for chair.

After a second vote again resulted in a tie, Superintendent David Murphy suggested that the board table the remaining items related to choosing officers for the year, election of a vice chair and a vice chair pro-tempore.

He said voting could take place at the next board meeting, or, depending on advice provided by Attorney Dan Rose, who was present to lead a workshop on school law during a scheduled executive session, the board could vote again following that session.

Murphy said after the meeting that the board did reconvene in open session following a review of policy to determine the use of weighted voting in the case of a tie vote.

The vote of each member of the SAD 44 School Board carries a number of weighted votes based on the population of the town he or she represents. Weighted voting is used to determine the outcome

when the board is divided. The policy manual was consulted to determine whether or not election of officers requires a simple majority vote in addition to a weighted majority vote.

"Policy BEDC (Quorum) states that the board must have both a majority of board members and a majority of the weighted vote in order to have a quorum," Murphy said.

Those conditions were met, as only two board members were absent from Monday's meeting.

"Policy BEDF (Voting Method) states that a vote carries based on the weighted vote of the members present and voting," Murphy said.

"When there is a difference of three or fewer people, a roll call vote needs to be held. We did that and everyone stayed with their original vote."

As a result of a weighted vote count, Cross was elected chair, with 457 votes to Merlino's 423.

Polak was elected vice chair and Merlino was elected vice chair pro-tempore.

Speaking following the nominations and prior to the first vote, Cross reminded the board of the role of the chair.

The chair, she said, "keeps the meeting moving in an orderly fashion, remains calm and self-possessed at all times, recognizes members to be heard in a fair and impartial manner, allows both sides of the question to be heard, keeps the attention of the board on one matter at a time, knows the basics of parliamentary procedure, and allows visitors' comments that are appropriate to business at hand."

She said it was "essential for board members 'to work together as a team, and stop being divisive or having ulterior motives. We need to come together and do what's best for all students.'"

Merlino said he agreed with everything Cross had

said, "But the board chair is also supposed to be the leader of this group and, as such, needs to promote many agenda items that are not promoted, give guidance to the board, meet regularly with the executive committee to form policy as a group, and to bring the board together via the executive committee."

"We are facing some very serious issues, and we need to set policy, set a plan in place, and do a whole bunch of things as a board to prepare for those very unusual events that are going to be taking place," he said.

Frank DelDuca of Bethel said the board lacked strong leadership.

"The superintendent is left with no choice but to lead us, because we're weak as a board."

As a result, DelDuca said, public perception is that the superintendent, rather than the board, is responsible for the direction of education in the district.

Several directors suggested that term limits for board officers, or annual rotation of offices, would be beneficial.

Greenwood director Norman Milliard said he believes that any organization that elects officers should have term limits. He also suggested that, because the School Board represents several towns, the chairmanship should rotate among the member towns.

Woodstock director Julie Davis said she was concerned that some members of the board were seeking a change in the chairmanship because they had personal agendas.

"I feel that it takes a little while for the board chair to kind of get in the groove, to learn the role and responsibilities," she said.

Murphy reminded the board that the current policy does not include term limits, and it would be up to the policy committee to consider instituting them.

Wind

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Peter Fetchko (standing) of Woodstock addresses the Bethel Board of Selectmen Monday.

comment period is now in effect.

The wind power company, EverPower Maine LLC, last fall put up a meteorological test tower in the area of Bryant and Chamberlain mountains in Milton to gather information for a potential project, prompting local concerns. Parts of Woodstock, Greenwood and Bethel are near the location.

Some residents worry about the visual, noise and environmental impact of a potential wind development, and the selectmen of Greenwood and Woodstock have written letters to the LUPC favoring removal of Milton from the expedited process.

The residents were hoping for the same from the Bethel board.

FACTFINDING

But Chairman Don Bennett said Monday his board is in a "factfinding" stage and not ready to decide whether to comment.

In that vein, Samantha Olsen of the LUPC presented information on the wind application process.

She said the differences under an expedited process include: visual impact standards are "keyed specifically to wind energy (different from the regular site law visual standard); there is a maximum time limit to process a permit; noise level standards are more specific than they were under the LUPC; and there is one potential level of court appeal rather than two.

The intent, she said, is to allow the outcome of wind energy development processes to "be resolved more timely than they have been in the past."

Olsen said that prior to expedited review, the standards applied to a project were more general, such as fitting harmoniously into the surrounding area and not being disruptive to ridgelines when it can be avoided.

But those standards were challenging for the LUPC to apply, she said.

Under the expedited process, only scenic resources of state or national significance that fall into certain designated classes are considered for impact, she said - such as turnouts on scenic byways - and only within an eight-mile radius of the proposed site.

Noise level requirements, said Olsen, are also more specific for DEP's standards than they are for the LUPC.

If Milton were removed from the expedited pro-

cess, a developer would have two options: to apply for rezoning from the LUPC, or to apply in the future to add the area back into the expedited process.

The current process to decide whether to remove Milton from the expedited process focuses on two criteria, Olsen said: the impact on the state's wind energy goals, and the consistency with a comprehensive land use plan adopted by the LUPC.

Olsen said the Bethel selectmen could comment on the issue as a board, but specific information on the local impact, such as on services, the character, or economic circumstances, would be more useful to the LUPC than just taking a position, she said.

An LUPC public hearing on the expedited process issue is planned for Aug. 10 at the Bethel Inn, and written comments may be made until Aug. 22 (for more information go to http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wind/expedited_area/windexpedited_miltonsubstantivereview.html).

EVERPOWER

Also speaking was Juliet Browne, representing EverPower.

Browne defended the DEP process, saying it is very comprehensive and public, and that it takes at least 185 days.

"It's not really a fast track," she said.

She also noted that DEP has denied wind projects in the past.

Browne said a DEP review would include such steps as studying impacts on wildlife and plants, and hiring third-party consultants to consider scenic and sound impacts.

There are also requirements specific to wind projects, including a tangible benefits requirement, decommissioning plan and public safety setbacks.

There would be two public meetings, and visual simulations of the wind towers would be provided, she said.

In addition, said Browne, EverPower would go through its own "stakeholder outreach process," including providing visual simulations for tower visibility in areas beyond eight miles.

The effort would include holding public meetings prior to filing an application, and meeting with surrounding towns, she said.

She noted the current timeframe is "very, very early in the development

process," with information being gathered on impacts on wetlands, wildlife and other topics.

The entire feasibility study/application process can take up to five years, she said.

An actual application would not likely be submitted to DEP until 2019, she said - the reason why many area residents "haven't heard from us."

Some residents have said they felt they have been left in the dark so far by EverPower.

Browne said if Milton were to be removed from the expedited process, "the commission would send a clear signal it is not an appropriate place" for wind development, and EverPower would not invest "millions of dollars" needed for the process to file for rezoning.

"This is a critical go/no go for the development," she said.

Several people in the audience asked questions and commented.

Peter Fetchko of Woodstock said there are people in the Milton area just now learning of the EverPower plans and the process.

"I think our communities have a right to know what's happening in their backyard," he said, and he urged the Bethel board to "support the citizens of Milton" so more can be learned through a longer process.

Others said wind towers from a potential project would be visible from Route 232 in Bethel, as well as from Woodstock and Greenwood.

But Bo Boden of Bethel wondered why anyone would inform people about starting a business before finishing research to see if it was even feasible. "Why would they come and tell you they're going to do this before they even know they're going to do this?" he asked.

Ron Savage of Bethel also said that EverPower had been meeting with stakeholders from Milton at his restaurant, the Black Diamond, for up to nine months.

"It's not like it just came out yesterday," he said. "I think some of what was said today wasn't true."

The selectmen agreed to put the issue on their next agenda, for Aug. 8.

Woodstock selectmen are expected to meet with EverPower representatives Aug. 2.

Cross Excavation employee helps save fire victims

By Marianne Hutchinson
Sun Media

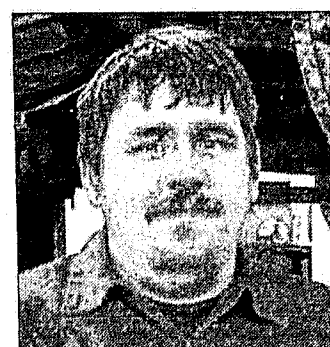
Matthew Roy of Rumford said he was driving to work at Cross Excavation in West Bethel at 4:15 a.m. last Wednesday when he saw flames coming from the back of a unit at Madison Condominiums on Route 2.

He drove into the development, he said, walked around the back, saw Unit 4 was on fire and called 911. Then he ran around to the front of the building and pounded on the door of Unit 4.

"The people weren't coming to the door so I kicked it in and that woke them up," Roy said.

He went to the other nearby units, pounded on

doors and kicked in one when tenants did not answer. Running back and forth along the line of doors, he and a man from Unit 4 cleared more of the



building, he said.

Within 10 minutes, police showed up and together they finished clearing the complex, he said.

"The cops were amazing,"

he said. "They were there real fast. And the Fire Department was, too."

Roy said he's "just glad everybody is OK" and that he was at the right place at the right time.

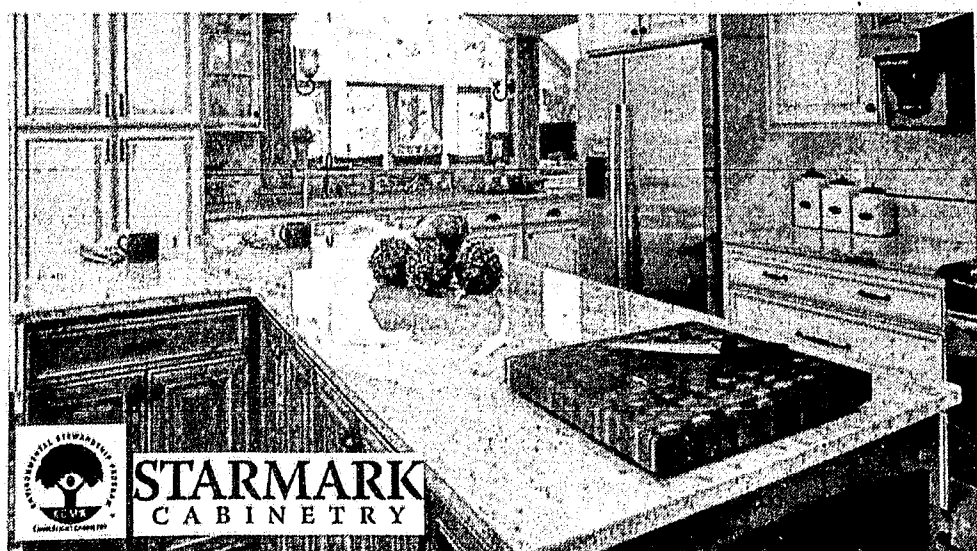
"I just did the human thing and helped people out," he said. "It's what most people should do."

But it's the police officers and firefighters whom people should thank, he said.

Roy said he's "not the type of person to panic" and not afraid when faced with an emergency. He proved that when he and others helped rescue a Rumford Point snowmobiler from the Androscoggin River in February 2009.

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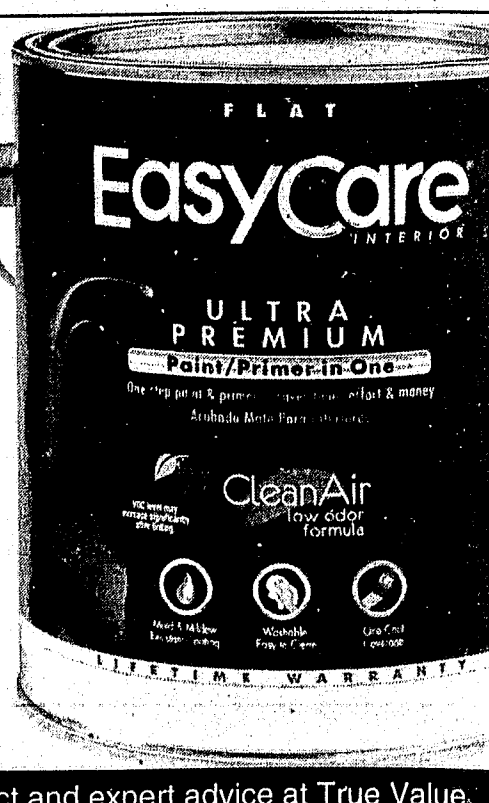
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Formula

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A roll call vote on a SAD 44 funding formula change plan was taken Tuesday. From left are Neil Scanlon, Peter Southam, Marcel Polak, Mary Ellen Gartner, Lainey Cross, Whitney Gray, Jake Clockodile, Fred Henderson, Bob Lowell and Jim Largess. A. Aloisio

The plan was proposed by facilitator Jake Clockodile, a retired school superintendent. He described it as a political solution to the problem of trying to keep Newry from withdrawing from SAD 44.

He characterized the current formula as "fair and equitable," but noted the the valuation/pupil discrepancy in Newry is causing difficulties.

He also commented that over recent years he "hadn't seen a school budget stay as flat as this one."

Clockodile said he was aiming for the right balance in a formula change, enough to satisfy Newry but not so much as to cause voters in other towns to reject it.

A simple majority of district voters would need to approve it.

Newry representative Bob Lowell said he thought the plan was "fair," though he noted it would impact him personally in a negative way because he owns a business in Bethel.

"I think it will help keep Newry in the district," he said.

In opposing the change, Woodstock representatives Marcel Polak and Mary Ellen Gartner said they felt the current formula is fair, and that Newry residents only pay about 10 percent of the total that Newry pays to SAD 44, with the rest coming from second homeowners and Sunday River Resort.

Polak said any tax break would largely benefit the second homeowners in Newry, whose income is generally higher

than that of the SAD 44 taxpayers who would have to pay more.

Newry representative Jim Largess noted there are second homeowners in the other towns, also.

But Gartner said she believed there are likely more "million dollar homes" in Newry.

Largess, citing a recent overwhelming vote in Newry to keep its current school withdrawal process alive, said the formula change could be a means to keep the district together.

"We have to try something," Lowell added.

During an audience comment period Jim Sysko, chairman of the Newry Withdrawal Committee, cited the Newry vote and said, "We're not going to give up, we're going to keep it going."

His committee is currently in a stalemate with SAD 44 in attempting to negotiate a withdrawal agreement.

Voting in favor of the tax shift plan were Largess, Lowell and Whitney Gray of Newry, Peter Southam, Lainey Cross and Neil Scanlon of Bethel, and Norman Millard, Larry Merlino and Fred Henderson of Greenwood.

Joining his fellow Woodstock representatives opposed to the plan was Ron Deegan, a SAD 44 employee.

Clockodile said he would pass along the results for SAD 44 Superintendent Dave Murphy to bring to the School Board in preparation for setting a referendum vote.

Sunday River lift terminal detaches from ground

Sunday River Resort issued the following press release Tuesday night:

On Sunday evening, July 10, 2016, Sunday River Resort's lift maintenance manager discovered that the foundation of the top terminal of the Spruce Peak Triple chairlift had become detached from the underlying ground, and reported it to the State of Maine Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety.

The reason for the foundation failure is still unknown and is under investigation by engineers from the State of Maine Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety, MountainGuard Insurance, and resort.

The Spruce Peak Triple does not operate in the summer and there were no injuries as a result of the incident, which was unwitnessed.

Initial findings have determined that the foundation detachment caused

the top terminal to be pulled downhill to a 90-degree angle by the weight of the haul rope, which then allowed the haul rope to release from the terminal's bullwheel and fall, lowering most chairs to the ground.

Sunday River has closed off access to Spruce Peak as a safety precaution and at the request of the State of Maine Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety while the investigation is still underway.

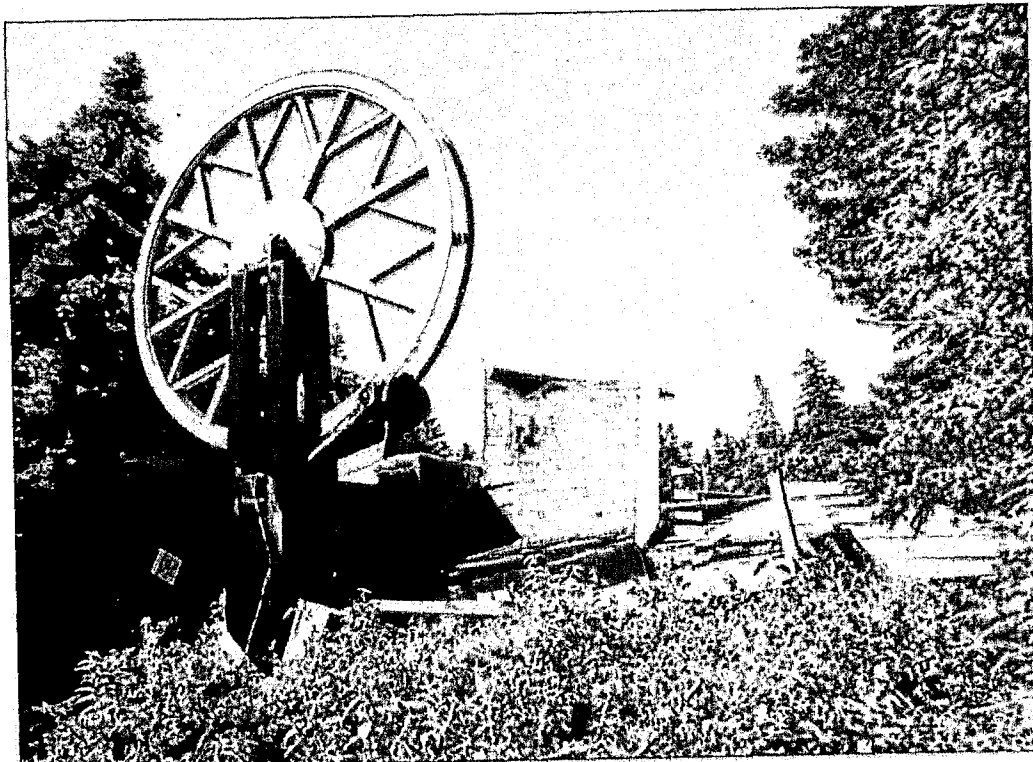
Decisions on repairing or replacing the lift have not been made at this point and will depend on several factors, including the results of the investigation. It is the resort's intention to act on whatever decision is made as quickly as possible following the conclusion of the investigation.

Sunday River is committed to the safety of all of its guests and employees, and

will issue updates as information becomes available following the State of Maine Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety investigation.

About the Spruce Peak Triple: The Spruce Peak Triple is a three passenger fixed grip chairlift built in 1986 and manufactured by Borvig. The chairlift is located on Spruce Peak and is 4,205 feet long with a vertical of 1,205 feet. The chair operates in the winter months only, across 18 lift towers, and has the capacity to carry 1,700 guests per hour.

Like all of Sunday River's chairlifts, it receives daily inspections for safety when in operation, in addition to weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance and testing. The lift is also inspected annually by the State of Maine Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety.



On Sunday the foundation of the top terminal of the Spruce Peak Triple chairlift had become detached from the underlying ground. Sunday River

EBS

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praisal might be a better move, but Savage said that could cost from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Said Chadbourn, "Let the market appraise it."

Rick Whitney saw an inspection as starting down a "dangerous path" that might provide an opening for money to be put into EBS, that there could be groups that think it can be saved, "and it's going to become a black hole."

Southam said he did not want to invest money, but he thought the information would be worth having.

Selectman Andy Whitney said he viewed an inspection as "a first step toward the

wrong direction. To me it doesn't matter what the results of that would be," he said, noting the voters had indicated they wanted to get rid of the building. "We should come up with a value for that property and put it back on the tax rolls. I'm not in favor of the \$1 inspection."

When the vote was taken on a preliminary inspection, Whitney and board Chairman Don Bennett voted against it, while Southam, Lloyd Sweetser and Pat Carter voted for it.

Town Manager Christine Landes said a decision to sell the building would have to be made at a Town Meeting.

From the OCS

Patrol Log

Tuesday, July 5

At 1:09 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald received a report of an unwanted subject on Broad Street. The subject was given a trespass notice.

At 6:14 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and the Newry and Bethel fire departments responded to Riley Township for a report of a suspicious structure fire. The Fire Marshal's Office was investigating.

At 8:34 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a report of criminal mischief in West Bethel. A small amount of damage was found at a building.

At 11:25 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward stopped a vehicle on Main Street in Greenwood for speeding. John F. Carter, 20, of Old Lyme, Ct. was charged with criminal speed.

Wednesday, July 6

At 7:11 a.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris took a report of a vehicle damaged by a bear on Sawin Hill Road in Albany. A report was completed and the subject was told to advise the Warden Service about the bear.

At 9:13 p.m. on the West Bethel Road in Bethel Deputies Steve Witham and Josh Daley stopped a vehicle. The driver was taken into custody for an outstanding warrant.

Friday, July 8

At 3:29 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco spoke to a Bethel resident about obtaining a protection from harassment court order.

At 10:05 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward stopped a vehicle on the West Bethel Road for speeding. The driver's license was found to be suspended. Kevin L. Goodrich, 20, of Bethel was arrested for operating after suspension.

Saturday, July 9

At 8:12 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a report of criminal mischief. The incident was under investigation. The complainant and one suspect were given verbal harassment warnings.

Sunday, July 10

At 11:47 a.m. a subject in Bethel reported finding hypodermic needles on his road. They were located and disposed of properly.

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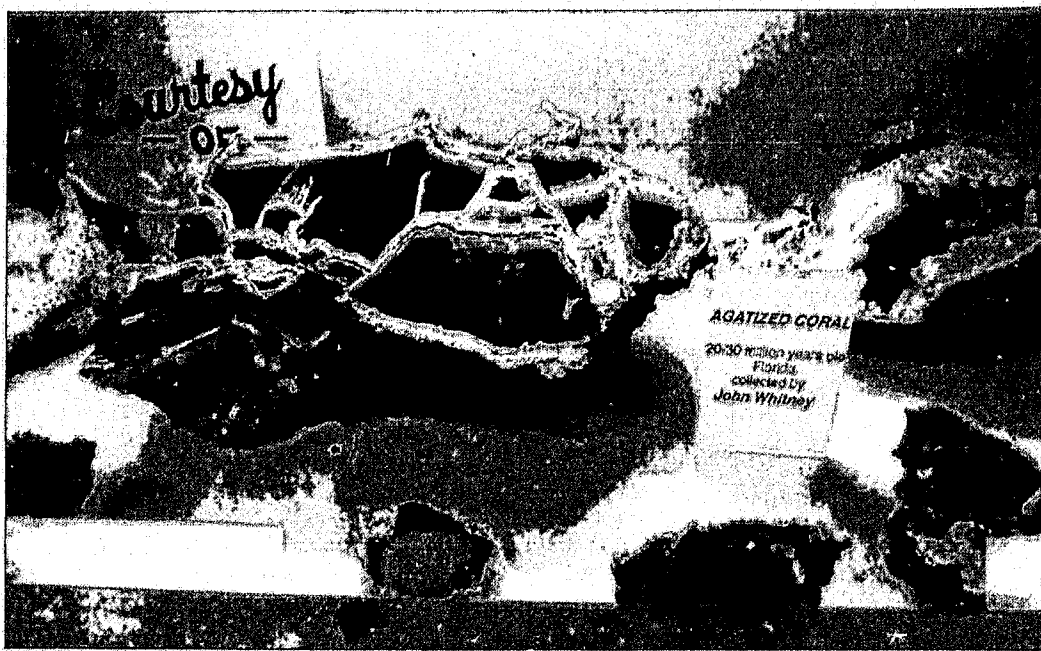
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The 55th annual Western Maine Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show drew a large crowd to Telstar High School this past weekend. Left, Ency Whitehill of Rocks, Minerals & More Inc. of Orono talks with a show-goer. Above, a display of ancient coral from Florida exhibited by John Whitney. Said organizer Dennis Gross, "We had an excellent show with 14 dealers from across the U.S. and Canada. So there was a wide assortment of material for everybody. Fossils, minerals and gems & jewelry."

Bethel
By DON BENNETT

Week's Events

Monday saw a very sizable gathering on the Moses Mason House lawn to hear the Portland Brass group, socialize and picnic. The Portland Brass gave out with some great music from the "Music Man," 76 Trombones and much more. Another unplanned but feature event was the appearance of a 1930 Model A Ford among the cars parked near the picnic area. A short video of the Brass's playing shown on the Bethel Journals Facebook page reached nearly 300 viewers.

Model A Ford at 4th of July Brass Concert

A beautifully maintained Model A was parked along with all the other cars at the historical society picnic and gathering on the 4th. One of the car's most interesting features is the instrument panel - four gauges and a light. The Model A was a super best seller for Ford starting at the end of 1927 through 1931. But, its speedometer was not easily readable; it had a measuring tape like speed indicator that was almost impossible for the driver to read. As a result, there are still today a number of Internet ads for a much more conventionally looking dial speedometer one can mount on the steering column.

My Model A riding experience was in my grandfather's milk truck which

he owned through 1941. He upgraded to a new Chevy pickup in 1942.

Welcome rains at the week's end

John Carter's corn growing in our field showed the effects of a good drink almost as soon as the first moisture fell on it. Corn has always been a traditional Mayville crop going back to the days before white settlers arrived. A New York firm started canning corn in Bethel in 1880.

At the end of the 1887 corn canning season in Bethel, the county newspaper correspondents reported impressive results that also gave a good picture of the extent of corn raising in the Androscoggin River area east and west of Bethel. The corn factory paid \$7,000 to 170 farmers. The average pay per acre was \$35. Farmers from Gilead, Mason, West Bethel, Mayville, South and East Bethel, Newry and Albany made up the pool of corn suppliers. Later Maine's Wyman brothers took over. When the canning season was over, as many as 28 railroad freight carsloads of canned corn left Bethel.

Oxford County's Gem and Mineral Show

The show at Telstar this past weekend attracted visitors of all ages. For the visitor there are plenty of mineral and gem categories - mineral history, collectables, wearables, and artistic jewelry to see and/or buy. Watching some of the young people look over the exhibits can give you an insight as to what's hot and what's not in their view. Watching adult visitors can be just as interest-

ing. Oh, look at this; see what she has here; take a picture of this, can we get that? It's really something.

In the entrance hallway one of the exhibits was a piece of ancient coral from Florida estimated to be 20-30 million years old. Another display by Norman and Deanna Davis showed a wide variety of minerals collected at Mt Mica over the years. This year Norman Davis is Vice President of the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association.

Mollyockett Day cometh

This weekend's Mollyockett Day will be slightly special in that it is just 200 years since Mary Agatha (Molly Ockett) died in Andover. It is also 59 years since the Bethel Bazaar was renamed to Mollyockett Day.

In March 1957, the Bethel Bazaar Committee and the Health Council were merged and were incorporated as the Bethel Health and Service Council. In July 1957 the Bethel Health and Service Council via the Citizen said in a press release that the annual Bethel Bazaar would be known that year as Mollyockett Day. The sailing of Mayflower II, from Plymouth, England got lots of publicity which also gave the Bazaar planners the idea of sprucing up the "Day's" name.

The Day has changed over the years although some types of races were a constant in the weekend's program. In 1980 the parade was led by Joe Taylor who was commander of the Mundt-Allen American Legion Post followed by the color guard and the East Butterfield Drum and Bugle Corps of Buckfield and the Old Crow Indian Band from Farmington. Lisa Westleigh was Miss Mollyockett and her costume was made by Aline

Crockett. The Bethel Lion's Club coordinated the celebration's activities assisted by the Bethel Rotary Club, the Bethel Inn and the American Legion. The Rotary Club auction was held on Sunday as part of the weekend's program.

At noon on Saturday in 1980 the big event was the Woodsman's Competition. Only "certified" woodsmen could participate.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

We finally had some much needed rain, yet still not nearly enough as gardens remain quite dry. In contrast, other parts of the nation have experienced extensive flooding. So have some areas in Germany as well. My home town is not far from the Rhine River, which is over its banks. My nephew lives in the lower laying parts of town and his apartment flooded recently. According to my sister, he was very lucky losing only one piece of furniture as all the neighbors came and helped him raise up all the furnishings.

Bettyann and Sonny Hastings have been enjoying and a visit from their daughter Ellen. Just recently they finally took advantage of their Christmas gift from Jeff and Cathy. They made their reservation and went to Cabbage Island off the coast of Boothbay Harbor. It started out with a tour of the harbor and coastal area and upon arrival on Cabbage Island an amazing dinner consisting of two lobsters, clams, salad, rolls, corn on the cob and a big piece of blueberry cake. Thanks for sharing this with us. It sounds like

a lot of fun. I had no idea this was available. You can check it on the web to get more information for reservations.

Alder River Grange had a regular meeting on July 8 with eight members present. The upcoming Mollyockett weekend was discussed. The Grange will have items for sale, but it will mainly be bake sale items. They will be on Stan Howe's lawn on Broad Street across from the Bethel Inn on July 16. Have a great week.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL

It's Monday night at 9 p.m., my column deadline is here and I've been out gardening and driving around the National Forest roads, hiking, and just enjoying life.

Cathryn Lovejoy called with news that her cousins have been visiting from Tennessee and North Carolina. Her half-sister visited last week from Saskatchewan. Kathryn has been busy attending family reunions and a cousins' breakfast was held at Mollyockett Motel.

When you live and work here in Western Maine you sometimes forget the beauty that is around you. My dad used to ride us around Mason and Albany and one time we visited Mud City which is located way out the Flat Road. There used to be old rundown buildings there. The road has been closed off now, but my friend and I drove out the National Forest road and took the first right after the old school house. The road is a mile long and gated at the end just where it crosses the East branch of the Pleasant River. The road

turns left after the bridge and becomes the other end of the Mud City Road. I never had been on this part of the road and was surprised to find it looped around and if you could get through, it would come back out on the Flat Road.

When we'd had enough of the horse flies, we got back into the old Tacoma and continued down the National Forest Road visiting Pattee Brook Waterfowl Marsh and then took the next right which climbed a couple miles up the mountain to a dead end. The WMNF has been cutting timber between Crocker Pond and Pattee Brook I'm guessing to open up areas for wildlife. May your week be blessed with good deeds and happy people. Paulkmarie@gmail.com.

Andover

By JANE RICH

The availability of books has always been important to the Town of Andover from its foundation in 1804 and continues to be with our well-staffed and equipped library on Church Street which at one time was the Universalist Church. Currently the library is planning a summer reading program for grades Kindergarten through 5 from July 16 through Aug. 13. Participants are asked to sign up by either coming to the library or phoning 392-4841. The Library Board of Trustees is looking for a new Library Trustee. Call Janet at the library at the above phone number and leave your name if you are interested in this way of serving the community.

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Flower Show to take place on Saturday, Aug. 6. The theme is Mollocket, Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of her death, 1816-2016. One category is In Memory of Ellie Lecomte who was an annual participant in the show and passed away recently. Programs are available in local stores and have been posted in Upton, Ellie's home for many years.

The Olde Home Day Committee met last Thursday. Chairman Leo Camire reported that by shopping around he has saved enough money on buttons, trophies and ribbons to pay for the special one day insurance for the lawn tractor races. This is good news so that this event, which is very well attended, can continue. Andrea Savitz and the Service Circle are sponsoring the road race this year while Marshall Meisner will make sure we have great music on the common on Friday evening. Several public service organizations will be providing their color guards for the parade. The traditional Chicken Barbecue at the Fire Station will continue and so will the photography contest in the Town Hall. Thanks to Jim Coolidge for providing the Barrell Train in the parade and rides for children during the day. The Western Maine Street Rods, Harry Hutchinson and numerous others who will provide activities during the day. Vendors interested in having a spot on the common should contact Judy Michaud at 392-1221.

Remember the Farlington Bridge on the East Andover Road will shortly be worked on or work may have already started by the time you read this. The job, according to Maine DOT, is to be completed by Aug. 26. Detours will be in effect. Also, there will be a special public hearing conducted by the DOT on Tuesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall regarding the temporary bridge on North Main Street.

By now you have received in the mail, notification of the Special Town Meeting to take place on Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Voters will be asked to move money from the Land Purchase Account to the Re-Val and Transfer Station accounts and to consider repairs to Engine 43 at the Fire Department. Some people think you can't have a good turnout at a Special Meeting in July, so please prove them wrong. These articles will help us to move the Town forward and article two

will not affect any raise in the taxes to be committed for 2016.

Last week, July 6, 2016 marked the 50th anniversary of Mills Market at its current location on Main Street. The original store, begun in 1895 was on the opposite side of the street, but still Mills Market. Pictures of the liars' bench there can be seen on the wall of the present location.

Our Fire Department volunteers aided Rumford at the recent Madison Condos fire thanks to the mutual aid agreement between several towns in the area so that in the event of a big fire there are sufficient resources and man power to bring the situation under control.

Speaking of fires, the Transfer Station has asked that customers withhold wood to be burned for the time being until safer conditions exist.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



The Greenwood Bicentennial Committee's indoor yard sale at the Legion Hall last Saturday raised over \$1,700 to help pay for fireworks and other costs associated with the celebration next month. And we had a lot of fun, besides!

There will be Bicentennial T-shirts and other commemorative items for sale at Mollycoddett Day. The Bicentennial Committee and the Greenwood Historical Society will have a booth set up on the lawn of the Bethel Historical Society (the same place they were during the Art Fair two weekends ago).

An added offering on Mollycoddett Day will be delicious baked goods made from favorite recipes of some of Greenwood's best cooks. We'll have Diddy Johnson's blueberry cake and sugar cookies, Elsie Bennett's molasses crinkles, Phyllis Coolidge's raisin cookies, Gram Nellie Martin's toffee squares, and more. Thanks to everyone who contributed a recipe (and photo of the cook), and an extra-special thanks to Doreen Johnson, who volunteered to bake two of Diddy's recipes.

We'll also be giving out copies of the beautiful keepsake bicentennial weekend program that Betsey Foster created, with a brief history of Greenwood and some wonderful old photos, as well as flyers with the

schedule of events.

I'm hoping the Bicentennial Committee's presence at all of these preliminary events will serve to generate lots of excitement about the August 12-14 festivities. I ran into Les Otten in Rite-Aid today and when I mentioned next month's celebration, he said he hadn't heard about it. That's hard to believe, for those of us who are eating, sleeping, and breathing Bicentennial Celebration plans for the next few weeks, but apparently we need to do more to spread the word.

So please pass along the dates to everyone you know, and plan to join us for the parade, fireworks, dance, fish fry, chicken barbecue, art and mineral shows, demonstrations, music, book signings, and everything else that will take place that weekend.

Have a great week, and I hope to see you on Mollycoddett Day!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The rain this past weekend was much needed, but we could have done without the cold weather that came with it.

My brother, Steve McLain, and his son, Brad, were at the Dupont house last week to mow the grass. It is a very big lawn, so it takes a lot to mow and trim everywhere. Looks good when they get done. Joe McLain, son of Steve and Lise McLain, sent Steve an e-mail recently with a photo attached. Joe is in Montana and he likes to hike in the mountains. He took a picture of a mountain goat high up on the skyline. He sees all sorts of wildlife while hiking.

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Mary Tyler on July 12. She visited relatives at the home of Karen Caveney in New Hampshire last week. They celebrated her birthday while she was there.

Peter and Claudia Risbar were at their Gilead house this past week. They had some relatives visiting for a few days, and Peter got a chance to do some fishing.

Hugh and I went to Bethel one day last week to get some errands done. While we were at Western Maine Supply, we ran into George Nickerson. He had his granddaughter, Addie, with him.

Last Wednesday, Hugh went out behind our house to turn on the outside faucet to water the garden.

When he turned the corner, he found our resident bear setting by the faucet. The bear headed for the woods and Hugh continued with his plan to water the garden.

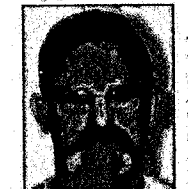
Hugh and I ran into Bob and Judy Bishop the other day. They had been gathering produce from their garden and gave us some delicious beets.

Our son, Tim, and our granddaughter, Sidney, stopped by the house last Thursday. They delivered a quiche that they had made for us for supper.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



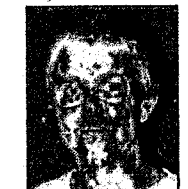
I have not heard the any final numbers on how well the Upton House Charity Yard Sale did. I believe that it did well in spite of the uncooperative weather.

The Upton Historical Society and Letter B Notch Riders will each hold their meetings Sunday, July 24.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com to tell me your local news.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Whitman Memorial Library will hold a Reading Program for ages 2 to 12 from Tuesday, July 12 to Aug. 9. There will be crafts, stories and snacks. Time is 1:30-2:30 p.m. Please join them for a fun time.

Franklin Grange #124 will meet at the Grange Hall on Monday, July 18 for Music Night. This is open to the public at no charge and starts at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of music.

Services at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church are Sunday School for all ages at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Services at 6 p.m. Guest preacher for the July 17 services will be Larry Strout. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, also Bloom for Girls. Don't forget Vacation Bible School, The Dino Detectives, July 25-29 at 6:30 p.m. For a ride call 665-3133. Come see what this is all about and have fun. All children are invited.

On the 4th of July Ken and I joined family and friends at our son James Hoyt's to celebrate our great daughter's 4th birthday. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time and plenty to eat.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Thursday, July 7, 3 p.m. Good afternoon dear readers; it's a cloudy, cool day but a relief from

all that hot weather. Condolences are going out to the following families on the loss of their loved ones, Elmer "Leroy" Durgin, Peter C. Collette, Sr., Arlene F. Bean, Erland L. Foster, Herbert W. Barker, Harry E. Kimball, Sr., and Lloyd D. Herrick.

Lolalee and Paula will be spending the afternoon with the residents at the Community Home on Wednesday, the 20th. We so look forward to seeing all our dear friends. Strawberry Festivals are being held all around the areas.

Lolalee and Paula entertained the residents at Ledgeview last Tuesday afternoon. A great time was had by all, and a full room of residents joining us. Get well wishes to Peggy Roberts who has spent a few days in the hospital and to all who have not been feeling up to par.

Many folks enjoyed family time and outings over the Fourth of July weekend. We had the pleasure of seeing some fireworks right from our home, many had beautiful fireworks displays around the area.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Wesley and Melody Cox. Yogi and I got to attend the Community supper at the Bethel Alliance Church on the 29th, we had missed the suppers for the past 3 months due to other commitments.

The Waterford World's Fair will be held from July 15 through July 17... lots of great music, Senior Luncheon, Pig Scrambles, Saddle Horse Games, Cow Chip Bingo, Pig Roast, Farmer's Draft Horse Pulls, Horse Shoes, Draft Horse Show, Farmer's Steer and Ox Pull, Antique Tractor Pull, 4H Working Steer Cart Class, Ladies Skillet Throw and many, many more events.

That's all from the valley... have a wonderful weekend.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Well here we are with fall-like weather in July after a week of 80s and a threat that this week it will hit 90. What a strange summer this is! But it is Maine and summer weather changes quickly here. I can't complain. We needed the rain we had if not the cold. I have not even hooked up the AC yet. Since we've been staying at camp, we haven't really needed it. In Waterford I usually only need it a few times in July and maybe once in August. That is fine with me.

Next week is the Full Buck Moon on the 19th. Perhaps it is called that because the deer are active and their fawns are flitting about. Have to research that and find out the real reason.

Much better to concentrate on that than all the bad things happening in the world. I cannot spend time on YouTube looking at the impending possible disasters. That is way too negative for me, I guess I prefer to live in a more Pollyanna world. I spent too much time worrying about nuclear disasters and wars. Now I just want peace.

The second Waterford breakfast takes place July 13 at the Wilkins House from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for child-sized portions. Breakfasts include eggs, bacon, sausage, and syrup from Thunder Hill Farm in Waterford. FMI call Ginny at 583-2729.

On Saturday, July 16, in Bolster's Mills, there is a chicken pie supper at 5 and 6 p.m. at the Bolster's United Methodist Church. If needed there will be a third seating at 7 p.m. FMI: 583-9024, 9 to noon. Do not leave a message.

Waterford World's Fair will be held July 15 to 17 featuring agricultural exhibits and events, and musical entertainment. Admissions \$6, Children under 5 are free. FMI please call 595-1601.

Deering Memorial United Methodist Church, Bolster's Mills United Methodist and the Norway Grange are offering free community breakfasts every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Norway Grange on Whitman Street. FMI please call Anna-Jean Alexander, Pastor at the Deering Memorial Church.

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Molly Ockett Quilt to be displayed at Bethel Historical Society

Molly Ockett Quilt
On Molly Ockett Day, July 16, the Society will exhibit a large, double-sided, quilted panel commemorating the life and times of Molly Ockett (circa 1740-1816), who passed away 200 years ago and who will be the focus of two BHS events on August 11 (see below). The creation of board member Donna Gillis, the quilt presents a nearly life-sized depiction of Molly Ockett on one side and a map of New England and southern Quebec on the other. Each of these designs is accompanied by important facts associated with this famous Native American, who was a frequent visitor to the home of Dr. Moses Mason and his wife, Agnes Straw Mason. After the 16th, the quilt, a generous gift to BHS, will remain on display in the Mason House exhibit hall, where it is being used as an educational tool during the weekly "Mornings at the Museum" children's program.

Albany diaries focus
of Aug. 2 talk
Thanks to two generous donations to the Society's "Collections Fund," six small, but highly detailed, diaries kept by Jacob Lovejoy (1812-1893), an Albany, Maine, storekeeper, church deacon, postmaster, town treasurer, farmer, and selectman, have been added through purchase to our archival holdings. Currently being transcribed and annotated by board member Michael S. Stowell (a major supporter of this project), the diaries—dating from 1863 to 1892—provide an enlightening, in-depth view of daily life in a small, western

Maine town during the second half of the nineteenth century. On Tuesday, August 2, at 2:00 pm, Mr. Stowell will share some of the many steps involved in carrying out this project, as well as interesting bits of Albany, Maine, history as recorded by Jacob Lovejoy. This free program will be held at the Mason House and refreshments will be served.

Remembering Molly Ockett
In recognition of the 200th anniversary of Molly Ockett's passing at Andover, the Society will present two special programs on August 11. At 3:00 pm, Catherine S.-C. Newell, past president of BHS and author of the Society's non-fiction booklet about Molly Ockett, will give a short talk in the Mason House exhibit hall entitled "Remembering Molly Ockett." Immediately afterward, members of the Molly Ockett Chapter DAR of Fryeburg, Maine, will commemorate the life of this beloved Native American by dedicating a memorial plaque in the courtyard garden of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Following the unveiling of the plaque (a project totally funded by the Molly Ockett Chapter DAR), refreshments provided by the Fryeburg-based group will be served. The lecture and DAR program are free and open to the public.

That same day (August 11) at 7:00 pm, the 2016 Stanley Russell Howe Lecture will be presented at the Mason House by Dr. Micah A. Pawling, Assistant Professor of History and Native American Studies at the University of Maine. In a talk entitled "Wabanaki Treaties and Wa-

ter: Indigenous Homeland in Nineteenth-Century Maine," Professor Pawling will explore the ways that rapid change affected the world of Maine's Native Americans (including local "doctress" Molly Ockett) during the early nineteenth century. Following his presentation, Dr. Pawling will sign copies of his book, Wabanaki Homeland and the New State of Maine: The 1820 Journal and Plans of Survey of Joseph Treat. (Book royalties go to the Penobscot Nation's Department of Cultural and Historic Preservation)

Located on Broad Street in Bethel (founded in 1768 and incorporated in 1796), the Bethel Historical Society is a vibrant regional organization that collects, preserves, displays, and interprets the history of western Maine and the White Mountain area of Maine and New Hampshire through exhibits, lectures, events, and publications. The Museums of the Bethel Historical Society feature eight exhibit galleries and nine period rooms spread throughout two buildings—the 1821 O'Neil Robinson House and the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House. An extensive on-site research library contains books, manuscripts, maps and photographs available to members and the general public year-round by appointment. The Society's museum collection contains thousands of objects that tell the story of the town of Bethel and the surrounding region. Throughout the year, the Society provides a full schedule of high quality events for people of all ages.



Molly Ockett quilt by Donna Gillis. Submitted photo

Church Services

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First Congregational Church - Linda Couture, pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available). Wednesdays: 5:30-7 p.m. High School Youth Group; Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136 or Juanita Korhonen Keene. 665-2528.

Bethel Episcopal House Church - Bethel House Church meets third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. The location will rotate among member homes and the Intervale Meeting House, and The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal, Norway, leads the service and Eucharist. All are invited. FMI contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 743-6782.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Timothy LeConey. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Communion first week of the month. Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

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Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-8355.

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Upton Union Church - Worship at 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, May 29-September. Summer Supply preacher, Rev. Jane Rich (392-3761)

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson. Saturday services: 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service. 25 Perkins Valley Rd., Bryant Pond 04219. FMI: www.woodstockchurch.com

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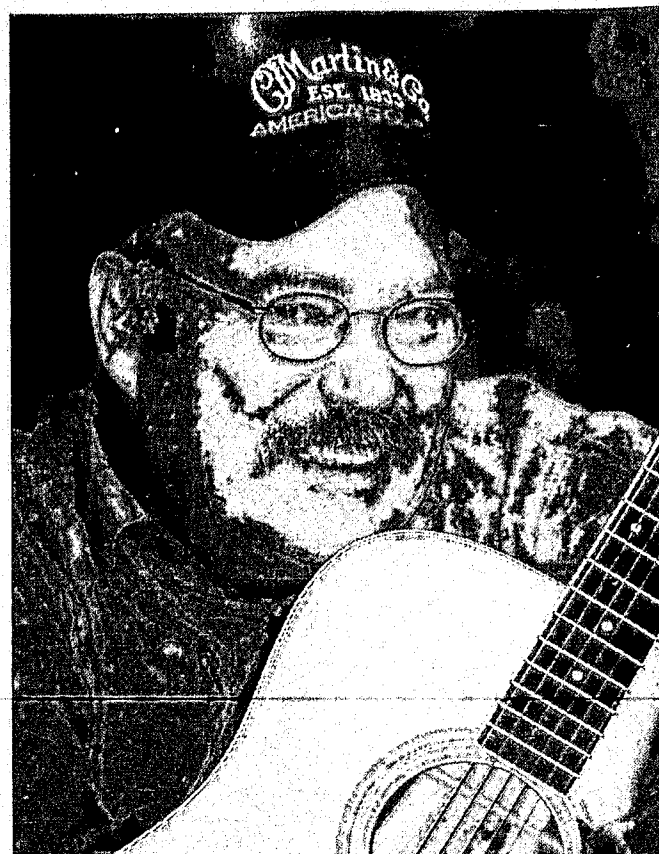
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On Friday, July 15, the Andover Summer Concert Series will present Andover's own Pete Coolidge (right) and Ross Swain (left) in separate sets. Ross will kick off the evening on the town common at 6 p.m. with a set of piano solos that will include some Scott Joplin ragtime, a waltz or two, a 1930s Fats Waller stride piano piece and a few surprises. Pete will finish off the evening with a set of his signature guitar playing and vocals. Many, if not most of the songs in his set will be his originals, which focus on life and times around Andover. The free outdoor concert will happen, weather permitting. For more info, contact Ross at 207-392-2572.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 14

Heather Masse and Jed Wilson performance; at Brick Church in Lovell. 7:30 p.m. Jazz, folk and blues. Tickets \$20, available at door. Refreshments served at intermission. FMI and reservations: 207-925-1500.

Friday, July 15

Book Sale; Noon to 5 p.m. at the Bethel Library. Hardcover, paperbacks, movies, and audio books. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the library.

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 6-9 p.m. at Greenwood Town Hall, Rte. 26 in the village of Locke's Mills. Slow jam 6-7 p.m. All string instruments welcome to play traditional, contra dance, Scotts, Irish and Quebecois tunes. Come to play, listen to, or learn new tunes, every Friday night thru August. Free. See GreenwoodFiddle Jam page on Facebook for additional info.

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

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July 15 and 16

New England Forest Rally; Sunday River and surrounding area. Regional and national rally racing pros on the back roads of western Maine and northern New Hampshire. www.sundayriver.com

Saturday, July 16

MollyOckett Day, Bethel; Road race, parade, fireworks, live music, kids' entertainment, and vendors on common with crafts, food, community groups. www.bethelmaine.com

MollyOckett Day Classic Road Race; 8:15 a.m. the 1-mile Kids' Race begins, followed by the 5-mile and 1-mile race for those who are 15 and above at 9 a.m. There will be a Diaper Dash, too, so all in the family can participate. For more information go to <http://www.mollyockettdays.com/races.html>

Yard Sale & Cookie Walk; in the dining room at Bethel United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is opened to the public. All are welcomed. Sanctuary will be open for meditation and prayer.

Book Sale; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bethel Library. Hardcover, paperbacks, movies and audio books. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the library.

Alder River Grange Bake and Yard Sale; on Stan Howe's lawn on Broad Street in Bethel. Starts at 9 a.m.

Benefit Dance and Chinese Auction for Kelly Waterhouse; Rumford Fall Eagles Reception Hall. 5-7 p.m. supper; 5-8 Chinese Auction; 8-11 dance (entertainment by Fat-N-Jacked & special guests). Waterhouse, 41, a mother of three, has colon cancer. FMI: meforeman76@gmail.com or 357-1272; melissahfallon87@yahoo.com or 418-0447.

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Sunday, July 17

Hastings Landing boat launch dedication; public is invited to join Mahoosuc Land Trust and Androscoggin River Watershed Council to celebrate the dedication of Hastings Landing boat launch in Rumford Center. The landing provides hand carry boat access to the Androscoggin River

and is located on US Route 2 in Rumford Center Village. Celebration begins at 11 a.m. and coincides with the ARWC's "Source to Sea Trek" paddle from Hanover to Rumford.

Music Without Borders; Guest Artists Pianist Robert Poortinga from the Netherlands and Violinist Meri Khojayan from Armenia present all Beethoven's Violin Sonatas on three consecutive Sunday afternoons. 5th, 6th, 7th sonatas. 3 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Tuesday, July 19

Classic Car Cruise In; 5:30-8 p.m. at Stony Brook Recreation Campground, 3036 Main St. (Route 2) in Hanover. Show off your prize possession to passersby, friends and campers. Parking on both sides of Route 2. Food, door prizes, and raffle. (824-2836 FMI)

Public supper at the North Waterford Church; 5 to 6:30 p.m. Route 5, opposite Melby's Eatery. All you can eat: casseroles, baked beans, salads, and strawberry shortcake for dessert. \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children. All are welcome.

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Wednesday, July 20

Mahoosuc Land Trust's "Into the Woods" speaker series; will focus on the management of deer yards. Chuck Hulse, biologist with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, will speak at the Albany Town House at 7 p.m. Chuck will also lead a guided walk around the Land Trust deer yard at the Valentine Conservation Center, 162 North Road, Bethel, starting at 4 p.m.

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Thursday, July 21

Maine Mineral and Gem Museum's Third Thursday Talks & Tours - A Bicentennial Look at Greenwood Mines and Mining; 3 p.m. in the Museum's Preview Gallery.

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Friday, July 22

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Saturday, July 23

Tough Mountain Challenge; at Sunday River Resort; 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. www.toughmountain.com/index.html

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Sunday, July 24

Music Without Borders; Guest Artists Pianist Robert Poortinga from the Netherlands and Violinist Meri Khojayan from Armenia present all Beethoven's Violin Sonatas on three consecutive Sunday afternoons. 8th, 9th, 10th sonatas. 3 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Tuesday, July 26

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Wednesday, July 27

Community Supper; 4:30-6 p.m. (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road. Call 207-824-2289 FMI.

Waterford Summer Breakfast; 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Wilkins Community House at the foot of Plummer Hill Road, next to the Waterford Congregational Church. In its 63rd year, the breakfast offers a menu of freshly baked muffins, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real Maine maple syrup, bacon, sausage, donuts, coffee and orange juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for child-sized portions, and free for children under 5. Proceeds contribute to the maintenance of the Wilkins Community House.

The Wilkins House Basement Yard Sale is also held from 7:30 to 11. New items appear at each of the sales.

Thursday, July 28

City at Sea; Long Distance Learning program presented by SeniorsPlus; 1-2:30 p.m. at West Paris Library. Free with pre-registration - call 1-800-427-1241.

4th Thursday Poetry; Poets and poetry lovers meet again from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Rumford Public Library to continue sharing our own and others' works. At the July session, plans for poetry workshops will be presented. Meetings begin with light refreshments. More information: 364-3661.

Aug. 1-5

Vacation Bible Adventure; Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar parking lot). 6-8:30 p.m. All kids ages 4 through Fifth Grade are welcome.

Saturday, Aug. 6

Annual Andover Olde Home Days; 9 a.m.- 3:15 p.m. Parade, antique car displays, exhibits, art & flower shows, crafts, firemen's muster, horse show, food & music. (For vendor registration call Judy at 392-1221.)

Andover Olde Home Days Road Races; 4.5-mile Open Run Road Race (men and women, with age divisions); 1-Mile Fun Race (boys and girls under 15); 1-Mile Open Walk (all ages). Pregistration thru July 25; registration after July 25 (cost for 4.5-mile increases from \$15 to \$20 after July 25; other races are \$5 throughout period). FMI call/text 207-357-3828 or e-mail brianne.bailey@maine.edu. Make donation fee checks to "Andover Service Circle" Mail to 187 East Andover Rd. E. Andover, ME 04226.

Sunday, Aug. 7

Maine State Triathlon; 8 a.m.- 11 a.m. Sprint Triathlon - 750 meter swim, 24 K bike, 5.8 K run. Website: mainestatetriathlon.com

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Waterford Summer Breakfast; 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Wilkins Community House at the foot of Plummer Hill Road, next to the Waterford Congregational Church. In its 63rd year, the breakfast offers a menu of freshly baked muffins, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real Maine maple syrup, bacon, sausage, donuts, coffee and orange juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for child-sized portions, and free for children under 5. Proceeds contribute to the maintenance of the Wilkins Community House. Wilkins House Basement Yard Sale is also held from 7:30 to 11. New items appear at each of the sales.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Waterford Library's Summer Gala; 6-9:30 p.m. Silent Auction, Hors D'oeuvres, Wine, Music. Auction Bidding 6:30-8:30. \$3 per person; \$5 a couple. Black Tie optional.

Thursday, Aug. 18

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Saturday, Sept. 17

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Saturday, Oct. 15

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

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MLT series:

Management of deer yards

The July presentation in the Mahoosuc Land Trust's "Into the Woods" speaker series will focus on the management of deer yards. Chuck Hulsey, biologist with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, will speak at the Albany Town House at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20.

As part of the bequest of Mary and Dick Valentine, the Land Trust has acquired a deer yard on the North Road. Mr. Hulsey has been consulting with the Land Trust about management of this land. His presentation will be of interest to any who wish to learn about the future of this

particular deer yard as well as those who have deer yards of their own.

In addition, those who would like to see the Land Trust deer yard first-hand are invited to gather at the Valentine Conservation Center, 162 North Road in Bethel, at 4 p.m. that afternoon, July 20, for a guided walk on the property.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses.



2016 OCSWCD CONSERVATION PHOTO CONTEST-The Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District has announced the 2016 Conservation Photo Contest. The contest seeks the best conservation photo in the field of Agriculture, Forestry, Soil & Water or Wildlife for the cover of the 2016 Annual Report. A prize package provided by Aubuchon Hardware, Paris Farmers Union, and Young's Greenhouse will be awarded to the First Place Winner. Three Honorable Mention winners will also be selected. All of the winning photos will be framed and on display at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The last date to enter is Oct. 31. For more information and entry forms please call 743-5789, ext. 111 or email oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com. Pictured here is last year's winner, "Highland Cow Grazing" by Dottie Bell of Waterford.



Frank and Karen Ring with their son Josh Ring, his wife Cindy Ring and their children Kaylee, Alanna, and Owen. Submitted photo

Timberstone Adventures, a family run Disc Golf course in Stoneham, recently expanded their operation to include a unique lodging experience, Treehouses.

Karen and Frank Ring worked with Zakk Maher from Community Concepts Finance Corp to secure the funding needed to construct three new treehouse cabins on their property that abuts the White Mountain National Forest.

The new accommodations sleep four people each and the Rings have started booking reservations through the end of the summer. The largest treehouse, to be completed this August, sleeps eight and has a full kitchen, two full baths, two living rooms and a custom built spiral staircase.

Karen and Frank Ring, with help from Josh and Cindy Ring, started building the first treehouse in 2014 with lumber cut and milled on site. This first treehouse has garnered much attention by travelers on Rt.5, had them featured in Bethel Living Magazine in 2015 and will be hosting Bill Green's Maine later this summer.

TimberStone Adventures opened their mountain terrain disc golf course in 2015 and are hosting the Maine Disc Golf Tour July 10. By providing free rounds of disc golf to their over-night guests they have already hosted wedding parties, local church groups and corporate retreats.

For more information visit TimberstoneAdventures.com

Heather Masse and Jed Wilson featured at Brick Church benefit

What can you expect when you pair Heather Masse with Jed Wilson and place them in a venue with perfect acoustics? A stunning, intoxicating extravaganza of jazz, folk and blues.

When and where? On Thursday, July 14, at a benefit performance at The Brick Church for the Performing Arts in Lovell, Maine.

Although this dynamic and engaging duo performs in theaters and venues across the country, including many guest spots on Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion, Lovell lays proud claim to both of them. Singer-songwriter Heather grew up in Lovell, though she and her family now reside in the Catskills; pianist Jed lives in Lovell now.

Heather Masse began singing at an early age. Trained at the New England Conservatory of Music as a jazz singer, she is steeped in the jazz tradition, which informs her distinct approach to singing folk, pop and bluegrass. A member of the Canadian group The Wallin' Jennys, Heather has performed at top venues, sharing the stage with the world's most acclaimed pop, classical and jazz acts, including Elvis Costello, Wynton Marsalis, Sheryl Crow, Bruce Cockburn, Joan Osborne, Bruce Hornsby and the Boston Pops Orchestra.

Heather's many recordings include her solo debut al-

bum "Bird Song" (Red House Records, 2009). Of her 2013 CD, "Lock My Heart," an album of jazz standards and originals with legendary pianist Dick Hyman, reviewer C. Michael Bailey wrote, "Masse's voice is perfectly natural and fresh—lush and supple.... She is relaxed as opium and honey, yet is as exacting as a mathematical equation." Her newest release, "August Love Song," presents another remarkable musical collaboration, this time with octogenarian trombone maverick Roswell Rudd.

Jed Wilson and Heather Masse have been creating dynamic music together for almost 15 years. "I love playing music with Jed!" writes Heather. "We are good friends and also happen to be family, so it's always great to be together. We have a very open, free-wheeling, and fun musical relationship."

Wilson grew up in Gladstone, Oregon, and began studying piano at a young age. As a teenager, he was an active performer on the Portland, Oregon jazz scene, and won prestigious awards (including Downbeat Magazine's "Best High School Jazz Soloist" honor three years in a row). Wilson received a bachelor's degree in Jazz Performance from New England Conservatory in 2004. While still a student at NEC, he formed a long-standing musical partnership with renowned jazz vocalist (and

NEC faculty member) Dominique Eade. The duo toured widely, and in 2006 released a critically acclaimed CD that appeared on many of the year's top-ten album lists. In his review, Bill Beutler of the Boston Globe wrote, "Wilson's piano work, skilled and subtle, made plain why a guy so young has become Eade's duo partner of choice."

Currently Jed is presenting Encounters in Sound, a six-part series of concerts with guest artists, at the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center at Fryeburg Academy. He and Heather will be with Prairie Home Companion on an August cruise in Alaska.

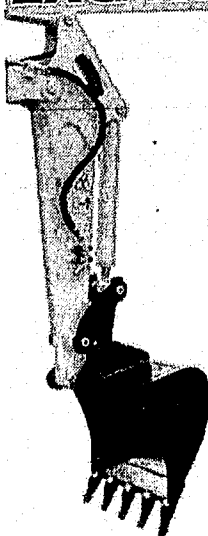
It is rare indeed to hear artists like Heather and Jed in an informal, local setting. The concert audience will enjoy an extraordinary opportunity – and help support the Brick Church for the Performing Arts, a great local architectural masterpiece.

The Masse-Wilson concert will take place on Thursday, July 14, at 7:30 pm, at the Brick Church for the Performing Arts on Christian Hill Road in Lovell. Tickets (\$20) will be available at the door; refreshments will be served at intermission. For more information or for reservations, call 207-925-1500.

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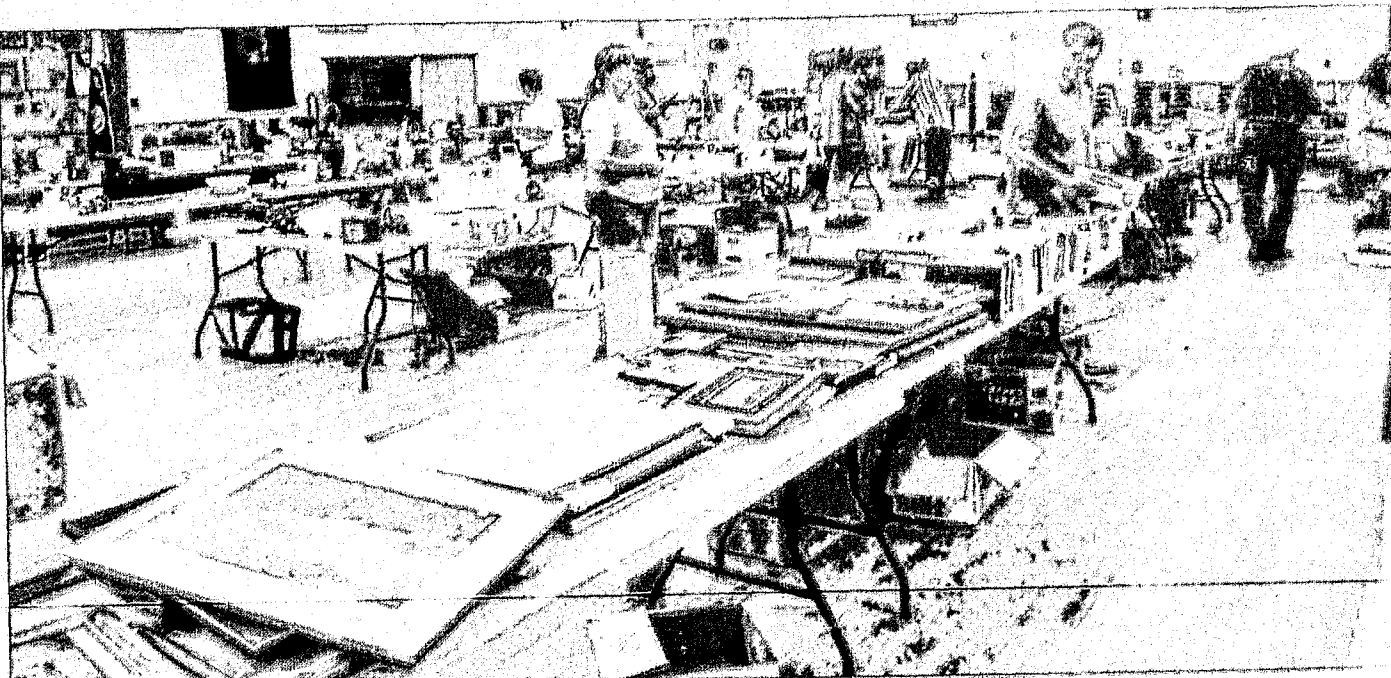
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Peter Kaplan picked up a pair of vintage tin snips, as well as a copy of Collista Morgan's book, *Pond Reflections*, which was for sale by the Greenwood Historical Society, at Saturday's indoor yard sale. Greenwood Bicentennial Committee members Peter Musso and Susan Vacca manned the check-out table for much of the day.



The Greenwood Bicentennial Committee held a successful indoor yard sale at the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post on Saturday. The sale raised about \$1,700 to help pay for fireworks and other costs for the town's Bicentennial Celebration, to be held August 12-14.

Music without Borders Sunday recitals feature complete cycle of Beethoven piano-violin sonatas



Music without Borders Guest Artists Robert and Meri Poortinga perform the complete cycle of Beethoven's piano-violin sonatas during three Sunday afternoon recitals in McLaughlin Science Center's auditorium. Submitted photo

To celebrate this 10th season of Music without Borders International Piano Festival at Gould Academy, Dutch pianist Robert Poortinga and his wife, violinist Meri Khojayan, collaborate in a rarely heard presentation, over three Sunday afternoon recitals, of the entire cycle of Ludwig van Beethoven's ten piano-violin sonatas. Beethoven admirers feel lucky to attend a performance of even one or two of the great Classical composer's ten sonatas for piano and violin, but those coming to the special Festival Guest Artist Recitals on three consecutive Sunday afternoons, July 10, 17 & 24, will be able to enjoy this rarely performed cycle. The programs, held in Trustees Auditorium of Gould's McLaughlin Science Center, begin at 3 p.m. and are open to the general public at no charge. The first four sonatas were presented on July 10. On July 17, Sonatas Nos. 5, 6 & 7 will be performed, followed by Nos. 8, 9 & 10 on July 24.

Hailing from Damwoude, the Netherlands, Robert Poortinga, 26, is well-known to Festival fans, ever since his participation in the first Music without Borders in July 2007. He studied at the Prins Claus Conservatorium, Groningen, then became a student of Prof. Tamara Poddubnaya in the diploma program at

Long Island Conservatory, Albertson, N.Y. Currently, he studies with Jeroen Riemsdijk at the Conservatorium Maastricht. He has played solo recitals in Maine, New York, and Continental Europe, as well as in the Netherlands, and currently focuses his considerable talent on the piano-violin repertoire, as a member of the Poortinga-Khojayan Duo. Violinist Meri Khojayan, 25, a native of Armenia, graduated with highest honors from Yerevan (Armenia) State Conservatory, where she studied with Eduard Tadevosyan, before studying with Boris Belkin at the Maastricht Academy of Music (the Netherlands). Laureate of many competitions in Armenia and Europe, she has performed with orchestras in Poland, the Netherlands, Russia, Armenia, and Dubai. In 2008, she was especially honored to receive the Prize of the President of the Republic of Armenia for a classical musician.

In addition to the special Sunday afternoon Guest Artist programs, the festival offers free public recitals at 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, through July 26, in McLaughlin Science Center auditorium. The 10th season closes with a competition on Thursday, July 27. Readers may go to the website, www.musicwoborders.com, for the latest news of this year's festival.

Age Friendly Community news

Remember: the Music without Borders tenth piano season is underway in the air-conditioned McLaughlin Auditorium at Gould Academy (free to the public); FMI: <http://www.musicwoborders.com>.

Check it out: www.nia.nih.gov. The NIA (National Institute on Aging), one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of NIH (National Institutes of Health), does valuable research on the nature of aging and is dedicated to extending the healthy, active years of life; it is the primary Federal agency supporting and conducting Alzheimer's disease research. There are many interesting articles and resources on their website.

One section is "Go4Life" (<https://go4life.nia.nih.gov>), which has ideas for staying healthy and active. The current information is on "Exercise outside! Let warmer weather inspire you to find new activities you enjoy." It suggests that

"Switching up your exercise routine can provide big benefits" and has a link with a challenge to try something new outdoors.

Another section, on safety, suggests ways to protect your skin from sunburn. A third section, on motivation, has a link to learn how to help others be active every day.

The website links to articles about Alzheimer's research, exploring such topics as the link between high blood pressure and cognitive decline, with a reminder that "What's good for your heart is good for your brain." Research is cited that concerning age-related cognitive decline, women are more resilient than men and that poor sleep may raise the risk for Alzheimer's disease.

FMI about the Age-Friendly Community Initiative: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

Third Thursday at MM&GM:

A Bicentennial Look at Greenwood Mines and Mining

Greenwood has at least a dozen feldspar and mica mines, which were active in the mid-twentieth century. Although commercial mining for these bulk minerals ceased by 1970, the mines are still explored by hobbyists and weekend miners who seek gems and mineral specimens. Scientists and students also visit the Greenwood quarries to learn about granitic pegmatites, the special geological formations that host these rare gems and minerals.

The Maine Mineral & Gem Museum is supporting Greenwood's bicentennial celebration in three ways. An exhibit of mineral specimens from the Greenwood mines will open in MMGM's Preview Gallery at 99 Main Street in early July and will run through the fall tourist season. It will feature specimens from the collection of Nestor Tamminen whose mine on Richardson Hollow Road is one of the best known in Greenwood. The exhibit will also include specimens mined

by Frank C. Perham, son of Stanley Perham founder of the Maine Mineral Store (later known as Perham's of West Paris) at Trap Corner and son-in-law of Nestor Tamminen. Perham is the dean of local pegmatite miners and still runs a weekend mining crew in Greenwood.

The Museum's "Third Thursday Talk" for July will be "A Bicentennial Look at Greenwood Mines and Mining" presented by MMGM curator Dr. Carl A. Francis. It will take place at 3:00pm in the Preview Gallery on July 21st. The public, especially folks from Greenwood, is invited to attend.

Greenwood's formal celebration will be held on Saturday August 13th. On that occasion a display of Greenwood minerals loaned by the Museum will be shown at the Greenwood Town Hall. This display is being organized by Greenwood's Dwight Mills, himself a former miner.

Congratulations Greenwood!



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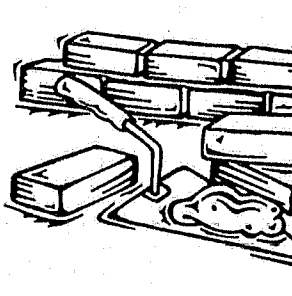
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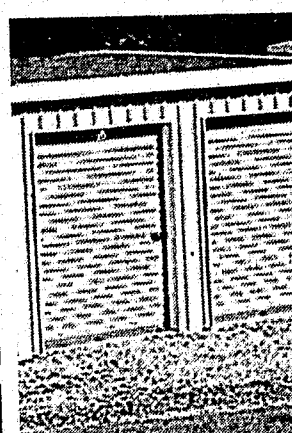


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ELISE B. CASWELL

Elise Ballou Caswell was born in Salem, Mass. in 1952 the daughter of James H. and Phyllis C. Ballou. She died peacefully in Bethel on June 29, 2016. Elise attended the Pingree School in South Hamilton, Mass. and she attended UMass Boston where she received her BA in Psychology, graduating magna cum laude in 1978. She also studied Elementary Education at the University of Maine-Orono. In her adult life, Elise was a healer; she received certifications in Home Health Care, Polarity Therapy, Soma Massage Therapy and herbalism. She had a passion for helping others and worked in mental health as a home health aide; as a special needs tutor; as a case manager for mental health services; and, as a children's librarian. Elise met her husband, Stephen Caswell, and true love met its example. After many years in Marblehead, Mass. where they enjoyed sailing and bringing up two sons, the couple moved to Bethel where Elise bloomed into her most radiant and contented self. There, surrounded by mountains, Mother Nature and her loving family, she delighted in gardening, painting and in pursuing her favorite medium - writing. Elise felt the world with such sensitivity. She was a prolific writer, an avid skier, a thinker, a birder, a philosopher who looked

at the world with childlike wonder and enthusiasm. Elise enjoyed traveling with her loving Steve and experiencing life's endless variety, and laughter. She will be sorely missed.

Elise Ballou Caswell is survived by husband Stephen Caswell, sons Samuel and William Caswell and beloved miniature Australian Shepherd, Gracie-May; her mother Phyllis C. Ballou of Marblehead, Mass.; her sister Susan Carter of Salem, Mass. and her son Bradford of Denver, Colo.; her sister Charlotte and husband Phil Cavanaugh of Erving, Mass.; her sister Heidi Loring and sons Tyler and James and daughter Kirsten Loring, all of Norton, Mass. Elise is also survived by her aunt Mimi Ballou. She was predeceased by her father James H. Ballou, her sister Elizabeth Ballou and uncle, John B. Ballou.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sept. 10, 2016 at Shepley Barn, 46 Intervale Road, Bethel for family, extended family and beloved friends. For further information on the celebration of life ceremony contact Stephen Caswell at Caswells@roadrunner.com.



CYNTHIA L. EAMES

Cynthia L. Eames, 68, of Errol, passed away at her home early on Monday, July 11, 2016.

She was born in Rumford on Feb. 12, 1948, the daughter of the late George and Katharine (Barnett) Wight. She was raised in Upton and Errol, N.H., and was a 1966 graduate of Berlin High School.

Cindy worked many years at the Tillotson Rubber Co., in Dixville, while also working part-time for the U.S. Postal Service. She remained with the post office for more than 30 years. She was a caring, generous woman, who treasured her family. She was an avid NASCAR fan and loved the social life that accompanied the weekly race pool. She will be remembered by many, and by her family, as a wonderful cook, as well.

Cindy is survived by her husband of more than 33 years, Carlton Eames of Errol; her children, Angela Calder and fiancé John Thompson of Norway, Keith Peart and fiancé Stephanie Dumas of Wilton, Larry Eames and fiancée Carol Marshall of Lancaster, N.H., and Ryan Eames of Colebrook; her siblings, Shirley Staples of Lisbon, Ruby Edwards of Florida, Richard Enman of Virginia, Larry Enman of Errol, Norman 'Soup-Bone' Enman of Turner, George 'Bub' Wight of Daytona, Fla., Lila 'Sister' Plante of Milan, N.H., Jerry Wight of Pittsburg, N.H., and Johnny Wight of Newry; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Lloyd and Malcolm Enman.

There are no public calling hours. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 15, 2016, at 1 p.m. at the Errol Congregational Church, with an interment service to immediately follow at the Errol Village Cemetery. Pastor Cindy Grassi will officiate.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Cynthia may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring Street, Colebrook, N.H. 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkin-snewman.com.



CHERYL ANN DOUGLASS

Cheryl "Cherry" Ann Douglass, R.N., 71, of Woburn, MA, died June 20, 2016 at the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Hospice House, Concord, N.H. after a long and tenacious struggle with multiple myeloma for many years.

She was the oldest daughter of Dana C. and Barbara (Anderson) Douglass, Jr. of Bethel. She attended the Bethel schools. She graduated from Gould Academy in 1962, having been active in the Varsity Glee Club, band, plays and musicals, and on the Editorial Board for the Academy Herald at Gould Academy.

She was the organist and in the choir at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel throughout her high school years. Cherry graduated from LaSalle Junior College, Auburndale, Mass., in September 1965, where she attended a three-year nursing program. She received a BS in Nursing degree from Boston College, Boston, Mass. in 1967.

Cherry started a long nursing career at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Mass. after college, working in general medicine, pediatrics, and operating room nursing. She worked at Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center, Boston, Mass. for 34 years on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit before retiring eight years ago. She provided nursing care and

love to many children and their families over the years. Her friends and colleagues from TMC were frequent visitors while there before her transfer to the Concord Hospice House, where she could be close to some of her family.

Cherry enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1970, doing her basic training in San Antonio, Tex. and was honorably discharged from active duty in October 1974. She served as a flight nurse in the Vietnam War with the 9th Aeromedical Evacuation Group at Clark Air Force Base, Philippines, involved in combat aeromedical evacuation of casualties and POW's from Southeast Asia. She received The Air Medal for services during special duty services from February-November 1972 and was promoted to Captain that same year. She was Honorably Discharged from the Inactive Reserve Section in September, 1991.

Cherry loved getting together with friends and family for holidays and special events. Cherry was an avid Red Sox fan and could discuss batting averages, plays, game specifics, players, trades and scores in detail of many ball teams. She was an ardent reader and enjoyed the symphony. She participated in supporting others with cancer through Chemo Angels and has belonged to the Multiple Myeloma Association for years.

Cherry's great joy was showing Siamese and Oriental cats primarily in the New England area. For several years she raised a variety of cats who won many awards from the shows that she attended. She met many wonderful friends and their special cats at the shows with whom she formed dear and lasting friendships.

Cherry was predeceased by her parents, Dana and Barbara A. Douglass, sisters Diana D. Kellogg of Bethel, and Pamela D. Hutchins of Salisbury, N.H. She is survived by her sister Barbara D. Weeks and husband, Peter, and niece, Brooks W. Rapp, husband Timothy and their daughters Lauren and Olivia, and nephew, Porter Weeks, wife Brittany and their sons, Colin and Rowan, of Dunbarton, N.H., niece Andrea H. Sickinger, husband Jonathan, and their sons Dylan and Taylor of South Hadley, Mass., niece Karen H. Bieluch, husband, Jesse and their daughter, Kendall of Salisbury, N.H. and nephew Bryan Kellogg, wife Heather, and their daughter Ella and son Grady of Bryant Pond, nephew Todd Kellogg of Orlando, Fla., and brothers-in-law, Mark Hutchins of Salisbury, N.H. and Benjamin Kellogg of Bethel.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.mead-erandson.com.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Riverside Cemetery, North Road, Bethel, with Rev. Timothy LeConey of the West Parish Congregational Church officiating.

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